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Secret Service Men Unearth a Unique Counterfeiting Scheme.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 28.—Government secret service agents have succeeded in unearthing a gang of lottery ticket counterfeiters, whose operations during the last five years have extended through nearly every large city in the country. As lotteries are outlawed, the forging of the tickets cannot be punished, but the postal agents got after them for sending lottery tickets through the mails. Yesterday afternoon they made a descent upon the home of Thomas Dolin, 35 years old, ostensibly a carpenter, at 75 Berlin street. They arrested Dolin on the charge of sending lottery tickets through the mails and searched the house.

In the basement was found complete paraphernalia for altering lottery tickets. It was confiscated and taken to the United States marshal's office. Dolin pleads innocence of violating the postal laws, but says nothing about the swindling scheme. He was released on $500 bail. The gang's method of operations was to buy lottery tickets, wait for the announcement of the winning numbers and change the numbers on the tickets to correspond. The work was done by scraping the original numbers off and painting the new numbers and lettering on. The work was done so dexterously that in many cases the deception cannot be detected with a magnifying glass. No attempt was made to have the lottery company cash the tickets direct, but in Cleveland there are 17 "pushers," who disposed of them to individuals at a slight discount, after showing the official list of winning numbers and making the plea that they were in need of ready money.

A great many of the tickets have been sold in that way in Cleveland, and the government detectives say the same thing is being done in New York, Chicago and other large cities. The lottery company has long had a steady, standing reward up for the detection of the counterfeiters.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Diamonds worth $3,000 belonging to Denman Thompson's daughter were lost or stolen in Philadelphia.

Joseph P. Smith, the chief of the bureau of American republics, was reported dying at a Florida health resort.

Eli Blake, postmaster at Tongawa, O. T., was beaten to death for opposing, it is thought, the saloons in the town.

Wholesale arrests of members of the mob that burned two Seminole Indians in Oklahoma Territory will soon be made.

The Russian government was reported as contemplating the use of ice plows in navigating the Arctic sea between Siberia and the north coast of Russia.

It was announced in Berlin that Emperor William had drawn up and distributed to the higher naval officers a table of the forces of Japan, Russia and Germany in the far east.

Increased Imports of Laces.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—According to a report from Consul Dubois, at St. Gall, Switzerland, in spite of the fact that the new tariff of the United States advanced the duty on cotton lace and embroideries from 50 to 60 per cent, an average increase of 10 per cent, there has been exported to the United States during the first six months of the new law's operation over $200,000 more of these goods than during the same time last year.

No Clemency For Allison.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—The governor general has approved of an order in council allowing the law to take its course in the case of James Allison condemned to be executed on Feb. 4 next for the murder of Mrs. Orr, wife of Anthony Orr, a farmer living near Berlin, Ont. Allison is but 18 years of age, has no education and no moral training. The crime was, however, premeditated and committed with considerable deliberation. He confessed to the murder.

Newspaper Man's Sad Plight.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Jan. 28.—Charles Parnell, said to be a newspaper writer of Baltimore, was found in a demented condition on Warrior ridge, near the Pennsylvania railroad, three miles west of here. He had become almost frozen and had wandered into a pumping station. He is now being cared for at the county jail, awaiting word from his friends.

Mosely Pleads Not Guilty.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Jan. 28.—Nathaniel Mosely pleaded not guilty in the criminal court to an indictment charging him with the murder of George Spencer in New Marlborough last October. Judge Maynard assigned as his counsel Charles E. Hibbard of Pittsfield and George C. Warner of Great Barrington.

Friends Paid Her Debts.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—It is reported that on the day following the rendering of the verdict in favor of Sir Tatton Sykes the whole of the money lender's claims were paid by friends of Lady Sykes. Mr. Joy, however, refuses to either confirm or deny the report.

Spanish Fleet Going to Havana.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "It has been decided that the whole Spanish fleet shall concentrate at Havana, though not immediately, unless circumstances demand."

Killed by Falling Wall.

MOUNT STERLING, Ills., Jan. 28.—The Bloomfield hotel burned, with almost the entire block adjoining. Albert Pieper was killed by a falling wall. Constable Snodgrass and two other men were injured. The loss is $100,000.

Firebug Gets Seven Years.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 28.—Frederick Cook, who confessed to setting fire to the Tontine hotel here, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

M'KINLEY'S ADDRESS.

The President Speaks at the Manufacturers' Banquet.

CURRENCY HIS PRINCIPAL THEME.

Declares That the Financial Plank of the St. Louis Platform Is of Binding Force Upon the Administration and Republican Party.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The fourth annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, which has been in session during the week, closed last evening with a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria, at which President McKinley was the honored guest. The principal address of the evening was delivered by the president, who said in part:

There is a duty resting upon the national government, "to coin money and regulate the value thereof." This duty requires that our government shall regulate the value of its money by the highest standards of commercial honesty and national honor. The money of the United States is and must forever be unquestioned and unassailable. If doubts remain, they must be removed. If weak places are discovered, they must be strengthened. Nothing should ever tempt us—nothing ever will tempt us—to scale down the sacred debt of the nation through a legal technicality. Whatever may be the language of the contract, the United States will discharge all of its obligations in the currency recognized as the best throughout the civilized world at the times of payment. Nor will we ever consent that the wages of labor or its frugal savings shall be scaled down by permitting payment in dollars of less value than the dollars accepted as the best in every enlightened nation of the earth.

Under existing conditions our citizens cannot be excused if they do not redouble their efforts to secure such financial legislation as will place their honorable intentions beyond dispute. All those who represent, as you do, the great conservative but progressive business interests of the country owe it not only to themselves, but to the people to insist upon the settlement of this great question now or else to face the alternative that it must be again submitted for arbitration at the polls. This is our plain duty to more than 7,000,000 voters, who 15 months ago won a great political battle on the issue, among others, that the United States government would not permit a doubt to exist anywhere concerning the stability and integrity of its currency or the inviolability of its obligations of every kind. That is my interpretation of that victory. Whatever effort, therefore, is required to make the settlement of this vital question clear and conclusive for all time we are bound in good conscience to undertake and, if possible, realize. That is our commission—our present charter from the people.

It will not suffice for citizens nowadays to say simply that they are in favor of sound money. That is not enough. The people's purpose must be given the vitality of public law. Better an honest effort with failure than the avoiding of so plain and commanding a duty.

The difficulties in the path of a satisfactory reform are, it must be admitted, neither few in number nor slight in degree; but progress cannot fail to be made with a fair and thorough trial. An honest attempt will be the best proof of sincerity of purpose. Discussion cannot hurt, it will only help, the cause. Let us have full and free discussion. We are the last to avoid or evade it. Intelligent discussion will strengthen the indifferent and encourage the friends of a stable system of finance.

The financial plank of the St. Louis platform is still as commanding upon Republicans and those who served with them in the last campaign as on the day it was adopted and promulgated. Happily, the tariff part of that platform has already been ingrafted into public statute. But that other plank, not already builded into our legislation, is of binding force upon all of us.

This is in reality a command from the people who gave the administration to the party now in power and who are still anxiously waiting for the execution of their free and omnipotent will by those of us who hold commissions from that supreme tribunal.

The country is now emerging from trying conditions. It is only just beginning to recover from the depression in certain lines of business long continued and altogether unparalleled. Progress, therefore, will naturally be slow, but let us not be impatient. Rather let us exercise a just patience and one which in time will surely bring its own high reward.

I have no fear for the future of our beloved country. While I discern in its present condition the necessity that always exists for the faithful devotion of its citizens, the history of its past is assurance to me that this will be as it always has been through every struggle and emergency, still onward and upward. It has never suffered from any trial or been unequal to any test. Founded upon right principles, we have nothing to fear from the vicissitudes which may lie across our pathway. The nation founded by the fathers upon principles of virtue, education, freedom and human rights, molded by the great discussions which established its sovereignty, tried in the crucible of civil war, its integrity confirmed by the results of reconstruction, with a Union stronger and better than ever before, stands today not upon shifting sands, but upon immovable foundations. Let us resolve by our laws and by our administration of them to maintain the rights of the citizen, to cement the Union by still closer bonds, to exalt the standards of American civilization, encourage the promotion of thrift, industry and economy and the homely virtues which have ennobled our people, uphold the stability of our currency and credit and illustrate the purity of our national and municipal government, and then, though the rains descend and the floods come and the winds blow, the nation will stand, for it is founded upon a rock.

THE SINGERLY FAILURE.

The Proposed Liquidation Scheme Not Yet Consummated.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—There is still no change in the situation of the affairs of the Chestnut Street National bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund company, and it is said that all depends upon the result of the coming conference between Comptroller Dawes and Messrs. Earle and Cook, managers of the proposed plan of settling the affairs of the two institutions.

The stockholders of the bank met yesterday and voted in favor of voluntary liquidation. The banking laws require, before the government can consent to such a step, that the stockholders by at least a two-thirds vote shall formally declare themselves in favor of such a proposition. Out of a total of 5,000 shares, 3,948 were present at the meeting. The plan proposed by Messrs. Earle and Cook, which has received a setback by Comptroller Dawes' required amendments, was fully discussed. A vote was then taken to declare in favor of voluntary liquidation. There were no negative votes.

Messrs. Earle and Cook declined to discuss the situation further than to say that they did not see how the plan could be put in operation if the comptroller insists upon his conditions. The hope of the managers of the plan is that when the comptroller arrives here and the situation is carefully gone over some compromise may be effected that will insure the success of the plan and prevent the appointment of a receiver.

Facts About Beet Sugar.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. — United States Consul Donzelmann, at Prague, has furnished the state department some interesting facts relative to the sugar production of Bohemia. He says that the exports to the United States from his district have fallen off $38,616 in the December quarter as compared with the corresponding quarter of the previous years, which loss is attributable entirely to the complete stoppage of the exportation of sugar. The consul says that the reason for the stoppage, according to the dealers' statements, is that they shipped a large surplus to the United States prior to the passage of the present tariff act and thus overstocked the market. They also say that the United States this year will run short of sugar, resulting in a rise in the market price of sugar before they export any more. Hence, they are storing the sugar in government warehouses awaiting the expected advance.

Philadelphia Loan Scheme Defeated.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—Common council has defeated the bill authorizing the city to borrow $11,200,000. The vote was 62 yeas and 53 nays, falling short of the necessary two-thirds vote to pass the measure. The bill included $1,000,000 for a public library and $3,700,000 for improvement of water supply. The importance of passing the bill had been urged by the board of trade, County Medical society and board of health, especially in connection with the water supply, because of the numerous cases of typhoid fever prevailing.

To Close Up the Passes.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—The Victoria (B. C.) board of trade is pressing the Canadian government to close up the Dyea and Skagguay passes so as to compel the United States government to stop the collection of $8 and $9 per day by customs inspectors who accompany Canadian goods to the Canadian boundary. When Mr. Sifton was in Washington recently, the United States authorities promised to put a stop to this tax, but it still continues.

Charged With Embezzlement.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—A warrant was granted by Judge Adams in the municipal court yesterday afternoon for the arrest of Abraham Tebbitt, formerly a leather dealer at 116 Bedford street, charging him with the embezzlement of $1,465 from James Gormley, a Roxbury leather currier. It is asserted by the police here that Tebbitt has swindled leather merchants and others of this city out of nearly $30,000 within the last few days.

Trouble at Kentucky Mines.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Jan. 28.—The situation at the Straight Creek mines is growing more serious each day. There are hourly conflicts between the union and nonunion miners, and serious trouble is feared if the differences are not adjusted. A general battle was fought near the mines between union and nonunion miners, in which 75 shots were exchanged. William Moore and John and Andy Sexton, union men, were badly injured.

Dr. Talbot Gets a Fortune.

BUFFALO, Jan. 28.—The will of the late Mrs. Calista Maria Talbot, who died last Friday at the Windsor hotel, in New York, has been filed for probate in this city. It disposes of property valued at $350,000. Several bequests of $4,000 are made to local charitable institutions. The balance of the estate goes to Dr. Talbot, the deceased lady's husband.

Perished In a Snowstorm.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 28.—Elijah A. Mattice, a prominent young farmer of Prattsburg, Steuben county, this state, is thought to have perished in Tuesday night's snowstorm. His horses have been found, but a sheriff and posse have been unable to get any trace of Mattice, although the search has been kept up since early on Wednesday morning.

Secretary Alger's Condition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—It was said yesterday that the condition of Secretary Alger remains unchanged, although on the whole he is probably better than he was Monday.

TELLER RESOLUTION

Time Fixed For the Final Vote In the Senate.

THE HOUSE PASSES THE INDIAN BILL.

Appropriations For the District of Columbia Now Under Consideration—Hartman of Montana Attacks the Administration's Financial Policy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—This evening at 6 o'clock the senate will vote upon the Teller resolution and the pending amendments thereto. When the senate yesterday took up the resolution, the agreement made last week that the final vote upon it should be taken before adjournment yesterday was changed in order that all senators might have an opportunity to speak. Yesterday's session continued for more than six hours, the resolution being under discussion practically throughout the entire session. The speeches in support of the resolution were delivered by Mr. Daniel of Virginia, Mr. Lindsay of Kentucky, Mr. Smith of New Jersey and Mr. Cockrell of Missouri, Mr. Daniel concluding the speech he began the previous evening. Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts and Mr. Caffery of Louisiana opposed the resolution. While the speeches for the most part were studied efforts, the session was replete with lively incidents and spicy colloquies.

Indian Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The house finally succeeded in passing the Indian appropriation bill, and the political debate which has been raging since Monday has been transferred to the District of Columbia bill, which followed it.

The only two important changes made in the Indian appropriation as passed were the elimination of the provisions for the leasing of the gilsonite mineral lands of the Uncomphagre reservation in Utah and the coal lands of the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache and Wichita reservations, both of which went out on points of order.

The features of the debate were the speeches of Mr. Hartman (Silver Rep., Mon.), in denunciation of the financial policy of the administration, and Dr. Dolliver (Rep., Ia.) in reply to the general attacks of the opposition.

Representative Fitzgerald of Massachusetts introduced in the house a resolution for a constitutional amendment to increase the length of the presidential term to six years and to make presidents hereafter ineligible for reelection.

The Naval Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—It is regarded as settled that the naval appropriation bill now being framed by a house subcommittee will contain three important items—namely, $1,000,000 for smokeless powder, $500,000 for reserve ammunition and $93,000 for the establishment of a government powder factory.

The matter of having an ample supply of powder in order to meet the requirements of our naval vessels in an emergency has received careful attention from members of the committee. As long as the old style of black powder was in use the many private companies making this article gave assurance that a supply could be secured on short notice. Now, however, with the general adoption of smokeless powder, the opportunities for speedy supply are said to be much reduced. For that reason it it proposed to allow $1,000,000 for the purchase of this article and at the same time provide a government factory which will thereafter produce an ample supply.

The item of $500,000 for reserve ammunition will cover all classes of naval material, large and small, to meet requirements of vessels nearing completion and of such emergencies as may arise.

The Seminole Outrage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The secretary of the interior has sent to the senate the correspondence on file in his office bearing upon the recent burning of two Seminole Indians in Oklahoma by a mob of white men. The correspondence reveals the fact that Chief Brown of the Seminole nation has called the secretary's attention to the fact that the treaty with the United States guarantees protection to these Indians and indemnity for injuries resulting from aggressions, and that he has asked for an investigation of the murders and that the secretary has directed that Agent Wisdom proceed to the scene of the crime and report upon the amount of property destroyed.

It is also shown that Secretary Bliss and Governor Barnes of Oklahoma took prompt steps to secure the apprehension of the members of the mob. In a letter dated the 15th Governor Barnes says he is assured by the county attorney and sheriff and by the good citizens of that county that every effort will be made to disclose the participants in the affair, and that they will be arrested and brought to justice if found on Oklahoma soil.

Arkansas Has an Earthquake.

HELENA, Ark., Jan. 28.—A severe earthquake shock has occurred here. Houses were shaken, and a succession of noises was heard sounding like explosions. There were three distinct shocks, the first being the most severe and the three occupying less than half a dozen seconds. Telephone messages from country points indicate that the shock was felt at many places.

Canalejas Is Pessimistic.

MADRID, Jan. 28.—Ex-Minister Canalejas, The Imparcial announces, has arrived at Cadiz from Havana, having visited the United States and Cuba in order to study the political situation, and has expressed a pessimistic view of the duration of the war, declaring the insurgents have the means to greatly prolong their resistance in the mountains.

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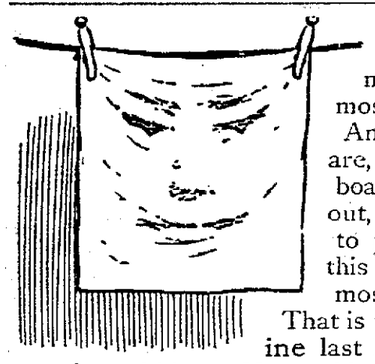

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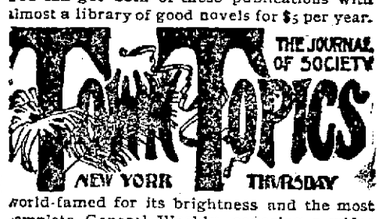

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Taken by Surprise In the Province of Havana While Paying a Visit to a Young Woman—Captain Sigsbee Visits Lee.

HAVANA, Jan. 28.—Captain Sigsbee of the United States warship Maine, accompanied by Consul General Lee and Lieutenants Howard and Haleman of the Maine, paid a visit yesterday to General Parrado, the acting captain general, who received them courteously and cordially. They expressed themselves as well satisfied with the interview. This morning at 10 o'clock General Parrado, accompanied by Consul General Lee, returned the visit on board the Maine.

At noon yesterday Lieutenant Colonel Benedicto, with the Spanish Reina battalion, surprised, near Tapaste, this province, the camp of the insurgent Brigadier Nestor Aranguren, killing Aranguren and four privates, capturing five of the insurgents and wounding others, who made their escape.

The body of Brigadier Aranguren was brought by train to Havana this afternoon and delivered to the military authorities. After identification it was sent to the morgue.

Brigadier Aranguren was evidently about 24 years of age, of fair complexion, with a small mustache. The body, which shows two bullet wounds, one in the head and one in the right leg, is dressed in cashmere pantaloons, a gray woolen coat, yellow shoes and gaiters, comparatively new. It is said that the gaiters and the vest once belonged to Lieutenant Colonel Joaquin Ruiz, the aid-de-camp of Captain General Blanco, who, having gone last December to Aranguren's camp with terms of surrender, was executed by Aranguren, or with his approval.

According to the Spanish authorities Brigadier Aranguren was surprised while on a visit to a young woman on the Pita farm, between Campo Florida and Tapaste. He was wounded, and, on trying to escape, was shot dead.

Among the prisoners is the father of the young woman. He was the dynamiter of Aranguren's band.

General Blanco has arrived at Manzanillo, where he has been formally received by the authorities and by the Autonomist committee. Large crowds turned out on his arrival. General Blanco visited the hospitals, the forts and the barracks.

Reports from Remedios say that many families of the reconcentrados are lying about in a most wretched condition, no one giving them any relief.

The warships in the port are flying colors in honor of the birthday of Emperor William. Artillery General Fuentes yesterday visited the German schoolship Gneisenau.

The American yacht Buccaneer has arrived here from the Tortugas, and the Ward line steamer Seneca, which reached port yesterday, brought a consignment of provisions for the destitute, which has been turned over to Consul General Lee.

The destitute Conservative municipality of Colon, in Matanzas province, has appointed Autonomist officials.

Several correspondents of British publications have arrived at Cienfuegos from Jamaica by the British schooner Governor Blake.

Experiences With a Filibuster.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 28.—John William Lundberg, a Swede about 35 years old, at present employed in this city and who claims to have been a member of a filibustering expedition which fell into the hands of the Spanish, tells the following story of his experience:

He says he shipped from New York early last fall on the Norwegian steamer Christiania, Captain Hans Nielsen. The members of the crew were told that the vessel was bound for California to take on fruit. A stop was made at New Orleans and a number of mysterious chests, said by the captain to contain provisions, were taken aboard. A little later the crew discovered the vessel off the coast of Cuba. Preparations were being made to enter a small port, the name of which Lundberg cannot recall, when a Spanish gunboat bore down. The Christiania fled, with the gunboat in pursuit. Eventually the Spanish vessel overhauled the steamer and placed under arrest the crew of 16, including Captain Nielsen; seized the mysterious chests, which were found to contain ammunition, and landed the prisoners in Cuba. The men were placed in a dirty factory used as a prison, fed on stale bread and filthy water. There they were kept four days, when, through Consul General Lee, the men were removed to Havana, where they were put in cleaner prisons and treated more considerately. After considerable delay Consul General Lee succeeded in securing the release of 12 of the 16, including Captain Nielsen. The other four the United States representative could not aid, as they were not American citizens. The 12 men were placed aboard a vessel bound for New York and sent home. The fate of the other four is unknown.

Spain to Send a Cruiser.

MADRID, Jan. 28.—United States Minister Woodford's note announcing the cruise of the Maine and the reply of the foreign minister, Senor Gullon, intimating that a Spanish war vessel will visit America, are both couched in markedly polite and friendly terms.

It has been decided to send the first class cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa to America instead of the Vizcaya, because the latter's commanding officer, Captain Concas, in the course of a lecture before the Madrid Geographical society in 1896 censured the United States in a manner that provoked the then American minister, Mr. Hannis Taylor, to demand an explanation.

The Infanta Maria Teresa, which was present at the Grant mausoleum ceremony, is an armored cruiser (barbette) of 7,000 tons displacement. She was built in 1890 at a cost of $3,000,000. She has a complement of 500 men, and her normal coal supply is 1,200 tons. She is 340 feet long and 65 feet in the beam. She carries 2 11-inch guns, 10 5.5-inch (all hontoria) guns, 8 2.2-inch quick firing guns, 8 1.4-inch guns, 2 maxims and 6 torpedo tubes.

GECIL RHODES' BURIAL PLACE.

In the Matoppo Hills of South Africa and Commands a "World's View."

While some of the newspapers have been busy of late in killing Mr. Rhodes we find from the Cape papers that Mr. Rhodes himself has selected his burial place, reports the London News. It is in the Matoppo hills, in the neighborhood of his farm, that Mr. Rhodes desires "in the fullness of time" to be buried in the solid rock. A special correspondent, who calls the spot "World's View," thus describes the scenery:

At length we came to a halt and were led through the bushes up enormous slopes of solid granite on to the roof of a rocky eminence. Here the world's view lay unfolded like a panorama before our gladdened eyes. There were many traveled members in our party, but not one of them could say that he had ever seen anything like it. Here, surely, we were gazing down upon one of nature's battle fields, the discorded scene of some tremendous convulsion, in which Titanic forces had flifted the biggest bowlders the mind can conceive and tossed them to and fro like pebbles. As far as the eye could reach stretched an ocean of granite mountains, extending range beyond range to the horizon. Few people realize the immensity of the Matoppos or the beauty of the hillsides and valleys, where euphorbia, mahogany and mopana trees and all sorts of tropical bushes flourish in glorious confusion, and certainly no one can have any conception of the awe-inspiring grandeur or the scenic splendor of this wondrous natural panorama.

The Survival of the Fittest.

Browne—She got a pug and her husband got a bulldog.

Towne—Then they have two dogs now.

Browne—No; only one.—N. Y. Truth.

Too Much for Her.

Browne—How did you break your wife of buying cigars for you?

Towne—When in the house I smoked only those she bought me.—Brooklyn Life.

The Wrong Adjective.

First Boarder—That steak was quite rare, wasn't it?

Second Boarder—Rare! Judging from the size of the piece I got it must have been priceless.—Up To Date.

Presentiments.

"You say you felt it in your bones that there was a burglar under your bed?"

"Yes; you see. I stuck my foot out from under the covers, and he grabbed it."—Detroit Free Press.

How It May Be.

"People are not alike, and what suits one may not please another."

"I guess that's right. What is one man's bicycle is another man's juggernaut."—Puck.

MRS. RORER

the well known cooking expert, lecturer and authority on pure food, says: "Cottolene is a pure and unadulterated article, and a much more healthful product than lard, and as a substitute for the same I heartily recommend it."

COTTOLENE

is pure vegetable oil combined with wholesome beef suet, and is unequaled for shortening and frying purposes. It makes your food light, appetizing, digestible.

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We have no doubt it does. Nine out of every ten Watches that fail to give their owners satisfaction need cleaning and oiling. Sometimes the owner neglects it too long and the result is worn pivots and general debility on the part of the watch.

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AJAX TABLETS POSITIVELY CURE *All Nervous Diseases*—Failing Memory, Impotency, Sleeplessness, etc., caused by Abuse or other Excesses and Indiscretions. *They quickly and surely* restore Lost Vitality in old or young, and fit a man for study, business or marriage. Prevent Insanity and Consumption if taken in time. Their use shows immediate improvement and effects a CURE where all other fail. Insist upon having the genuine Ajax Tablets. They have cured thousands and will cure you. We give a positive written guarantee to effect a cure in each case or refund the money. Price 50 CTS. per package; or six packs (full treatment) for $2.50. By mail, in plain wrapper, upon receipt of price. Circular free. AJAX REMEDY CO., 19 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill

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Pair nice light pleasure Bob Sleighs, complete with two seats, cushions, poles and shafts. Address or call upon

WALTER H. ANDERSON,
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What is More Attractive

Than a pretty face with a fresh, bright complexion? For it, use Pozzoni's Powder.

TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

THE NEW YEAR HAS BROUGHT US NEW INSPIRATION!

Every department has made great resolutions, all to one effect—to far excel in '98 the brilliant record of '97. The light of ambition has been kindled anew. All over the store there are unmistakable signs of extreme activity.

Great Preparations are Under Way!

Some to culminate shortly. Big lots of new and choice merchandise will soon pour into our two stores, and there must be nothing here to impede progress when they arrive; so the word has gone forth and has re-echoed in every part of the store the one word that means so much to us and to you—CLEARANCE. It will be a clearance on a gigantic scale. The price broom will do its sweeping well, for the power that will wield it, the force that will be behind its every stroke will be that irresistible force—PRICE. Read this announcement carefully. It is brimful of bargains, the equal of which you were never offered before

Blankets.

A few more samples only left. They are sample blankets that laid on our counters, used to show and sell stock from. They are all a little soiled from handling. It does not affect their worth in the least but it will affect their price just about one-half, for we don't want to inventory or keep over until next year anything soiled, however little. Only small lots. Whoever gets one of these gets $2 worth for $1.

4 Pair Very Heavy Rose Blankets

Were a big bargain for $1. We sold 300 pair for that price. They are samples. 65c a pair is riddance price.

4 Pair of Sample Blankets.

Fine goods. $1.50 a pair they sold for. A little soiled from handling. Riddance price 75c a pair.

3 Pair Only, Wool Blankets

and more than half wool at that. They were $3 a pair. A little soiled. They must go this week at $1.69 a pair.

2 Pair Only, Fine Wool Blankets

Were cheap at $6 a pair. They are a little soiled. Riddance price $2.89 a pair.

3 Pair Only, Heavy Wool Blankets

Were $4.50. A little soiled. Riddance price $2.35 a pair.

2 Pair Only, California Blankets,

Were $10. Riddance price $5 a pair.

We are bound to pound our stock down before inventory Here are clearance sale prices for Wash Goods.

Best Black or Silver Grey Calico

4½ cents.

Best Indigo Blue Calico

4½ cents.

Best Light Ground Calico

3½ cents.

10c Outing Flannel

6 cents a yard.

The Cream of All on Wash Goods Bargains

Will be one case of best Dark Ground Calicoes made. They sell at all dry goods stores for 6 to 7c a yard. Before inventory price 3½c a yard.

Best Apron Check Ginghams

4½ cents.

Stock Reduction Sale

of last week proved to be a great success. Why should it not be with such prices and such goods? This week we make still lower prices, as inventory time is near. We are not looking for a profit, and many odd lots go for less than cost.

Cotton Pillow Cases

You can buy these if you come before they are all gone for less than the material costs you at retail, and yet they are all made, hemmed and ready for use. These prices are fully a fourth under present retail figures. They are prices you will seek in vain outside of our store. Bleached Pillow Cases 45x36 8c each.

Jackets.

If you are in need of a Jacket, don't miss this chance. Remember these are old timers, from three to five years old, but the garment is new and UP TO DATE, MADE IN THE LATEST STYLE, THIS SEASON'S GOODS. It would be a big offer to say we will sell these at half price. We are going to do better than that. This week what few jackets are left you can have at half the price we paid for them, and we bought them direct from the manufacturers and paid spot cash for them. There are only a few left, but if you can find your size you will get the greatest bargain you ever had.

3 Black Jackets,

Made of fine Kersey cloth in the latest style, storm collar, tailor back. $5 was the price. Riddance price $1.98.

7 Jackets,

Made of fine Kersey cloth, storm collar, tailor back, half lined with silk serge. Size 32, 34, 36, 40, 42. Price was $8.50. Riddance price $3 75.

4 Brown Jackets,

Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38. Were $6.50. Clearance price $3.50.

A Few Fine

$13 50, $15 and $18 JACKETS cut in price in like proportion.

Continuation of Clearance Sale of Linen

12½ and 15c Towels. Clearance price 9c each.

45c Half Bleached Table Linen

29c a yard.

50c Cream Damask Table Linen,

64 inches wide, 35c a yard.

$1 35 Large Dinner Napkins,

21x21 inches. Clearance price 99c.

$1.59 Large Dinner Napkins,

Clearance price $1.25.

Chenille Table Covers

75, 98c., $1.25 each.

Chenille Portiers

$1.98 and $2.98 a pair.

Ladies' Fascinators

25, 50, 75 cents.

Child's Toques,

35 cent quality, 15 cents

Outlined Doylies

1 and 2 cents each.

Continuation of Clearance Sale of Wool Hosiery.

Babies' Wool Hose

3½ cents a pair.

Men's 25c Wool Sox

10c a pair.

Men's 35c Very Fine Cashmere Hose

12½ cents a pair.

Child's 25c Wool Hose,

Plain or ribbed, 15 cents a pair.

Men's Good Cotton Sox

5 cents a pair.

Further Dress Goods Reduction

At this time of the year space is more valuable than goods Some of the reductions now made on the very finest of our dress goods have no other reason. Nearly all these goods are of the class known as "Novelties." They include many of the choicest fabrics on our woolen counters.

REMEMBER THE LOCATION,

Nos. 6-8 EAST MAIN STREET.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, begin-ning Dec. 26, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 601, 7306, 617, 630 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 5 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

Nos		James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12	Chicago Ex.	4.19 a.m.	
* 10	New York Special	6.01 "	
	26 Middletown Way	6.30 "	....6.34 a.m.
	16 Orange Co. Ex., G. M.	7.10 "	....7.14 "
	28 Mountain Ex., T	8.28 "	... 8.35 "
	36 Del. Val. Ex. (M. P. G.)	10.48 "	
*	6 W. Mail, (G. 'exc't pt Su)	12.56 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
	30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	...4.12 "
*	2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
*	8 C. & St. L. Limited	5.55 "	
	22 P. J. Local T	7.26 "	...7.28
*	14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
	606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
	630 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5.06 p.m.	
	18 Milk (Sunday only)	6.55 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.		James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
*	17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
	21 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.34 a.m.
*	1 Day Express	†10.56 "	
	9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
	11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
	33 Port Jervis Exp.	5.40 "	.... 5.37 "
†*	5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
	27 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
	15 Orange Co. Exp	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
	25 Middletown Way ar	8.06 "	.... 8.02 "
*	7 C. & G. T. Exp	9.34 "	
	29 Way	2.13 "	
*	3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
	601 Sunday Local	10 35 a.m.	
	625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	5.08 p.m	
	617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a.m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p.m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, a.m. 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 35 a.m.	.....11.40 a.m
*115	" " "	.....	..... 6.55 p.m
601	Sun. only	.....11.00	.....11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH.

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	5.16 a.m
*130	" " " "	5.40 pm

HEARD ON THE STREET.

A Small Boy Tells How He Had Fun With a Chinaman.

He was a typical small boy and he was talking loudly and excitedly to a companion of his own age as they passed an ARGUS man on the street, Thursday, and this was what he said:

"Gee, but I had snags of fun with the North street chink, this morning! I smashed him on the head with a rotten turnip and lit out, and the chink took after me with a hatchet and a hot iron. Gee, but wasn't he mad! and swear! He couldn't run in the snow in his slip slops and he jumped up and down and yelled dam and chink cusses. Them chinks is more fun than a goat."

BUILDING A RAILROAD ON AIR.

No Money for the Payment of the Sidney-Franklin Railroad Employes.

The company which has undertaken to build the Sidney—Franklin electric road seems to have begun the enterprise on air. It has not been found possible to negotiate the bonds of the road, though it is said they have been offered at a large discount, and the employes on the road have not been paid. Jan. 25th was the date fixed for payment, but the money was not forthcoming and trouble is feared from the Italians.

Goshen Will Probably Lose the Meeting

From the Trotter and Pacer.

It will be learned with regret that E. H. Harriman has declined to serve as president of the New York State Breeders' Association, an office to which he was, without being consulted, elected at the recent annual meeting of the association. There has been a strong movement to have the trotting meeting of the association held at the Goshen track, and had Mr. Harriman, who is the lessee of the track there, accepted the presidency it is quite likely Goshen would have had the meeting. Now, however, the probabilities are that it will go to Poughkeepsie.

Death of Ellenville's Oldest Citizen.

Lyman Hyde, Ellenville's oldest citizen died, Monday morning, aged ninety-two years and two months. He had been helpless from paralysis for three years. Mr. Hyde went to Ellenville in 1850 and was foreman of the glass factory for eleven years and was afterwards engaged in the wagon making business until his strength compelled him to quit work.

Has Lost the Sight of an Eye.

A. S. Thornton, a nephew of B. S. Dayton, of this city, who was severely injured several weeks ago while hunting and has since been undergoing treatment in a New York hospital, has returned to his home at Eureka, Sullivan county. Mr. Thornton has lost the sight of one eye, but the organ will not be permanently disfigured.

Hudson River Telephone Lines to Be Extended.

The Hudson River Telephone Company will, in the spring, extend its line from Ellenville to Monticello by way of Wurtsboro. The line between this city and Wurtsboro will be rebuilt. It is also proposed to extend the line from Woodbourne to Liberty. The poles for this extension have been contracted for.

A Big Building Moved by Sunday Night's Wind.

The high wind of Sunday night moved the big building, at Warwick, which the Lehigh and Hudson Railroad uses as a shelter for damaged cars and engines while awaiting repairs. The building was moved bodily about three feet from its foundation, and though somewhat racked was not badly damaged.

Defaulting County Treasurer Dropped $2,200.

Joseph Boyd, Treasurer of Wayne County, Pa., whose books are badly muddled and whose bondsmen have paid $4,000 to the county on account of the shortage already discovered gives no information as to what became of the money beyond the statement that he dropped $2,200 in stock speculations.

The O and W.'s Wide Coaches.

The new coaches, which the O. and W. is now running on its night express trains, Nos. 5 and 6, are eight inches wider than the old coaches and in order to be ready for any emergency the company's snow plows are being widened so as to clear a wide enough track for the broader cars.

A School Trustee Removed.

John J. Gorton, of the Liberty Falls school district, refused to provide a janitor to sweep out the school house and build fires, as requested by the teacher, Thos. Clark. The teacher made a complaint to the State Superintendent, who promptly removed the offending trustee.

BLOOMINBURGH.

Taking Inventory—C. E. Topic—Exchange of Pulpits.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—J. K. Evans is taking an inventory of his stock.

—Miss Mabel Wilson is visiting at Mrs. G. W. Comfort's.

—C. E. topic for Sunday, January 30, is: "For Christ and the church. What shall we do?" Exodus xxxv. 29. Miss Bertha Otis leader.

—Rev. J. L. Stillwell will exchange pulpits with the pastor of the Wurtsboro Reformed Church, Sunday.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

THE BRIDGES AT ROSCOE.

Rockland's Town Board Repudiates Their Sale to Arthur Leighton.

The Town Board of Rockland, Sullivan county, held a special meeting, Saturday, to consider the action of Highway Commissioner Sturdevant in selling the wooden bridges at Roscoe to Arthur Leighton at so low a price as to arouse the wrath of many citizens.

The Board instructed the clerk to notify Mr. Leighton not to interfere with the bridges, as Commissioner Sturdevant had no right to sell them without the consent of the Board. Commissioner Voorhis was authorized to sell the bridges to the highest bidder or to the satisfaction of a committee of the Board, but to take no action till the new bridge is completed and the roads leading to lattice bridge are discontinued.

MOUNT HOPE.

Notes of Personal and Local Interest

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Mrs. Ira Ogden is spending a few days at the home of her father, Sidney Smith.

—Mrs. Louisa Halstead is spending a few weeks in Jersey City.

—Rev. Luther Littell and Rev. Thos. Fitzgerald attended the meeting of Presbytery, on Monday, at Middletown.

—Mrs. Nellie Ketcham and Miss Carrie Pennie went to Deckertown, on Monday, to spend a few days with Mrs. Alfred Ketcham.

—Several from this vicinity attended Mr. McMonagle's singing class at Scotchtown, Saturday evening, and at Slate Hill, Thursday evening.

—Mrs. Walling is spending a few days at the home of Mr. Nelson at Mapledale.

WESTTOWN.

Ladies Aid Society Sociable.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The Ladies Aid Society will hold a sociable at the M. E. parsonage in Westtown, Tuesday evening Feb. 1. Come and enjoy a good time.

DON'T GO IT BLIND.

There's No Use in Middletown The Way Is Almost Hedged With Guide Posts.

Have you ever read a newspaper article, a glowing account of some incident told in elusive words to lead you on and found it ended up with a proprietary medicine advertisement? Made you mad, didn't it? And were you convinced of the merit of the article? We think not, because it told the experience of some stranger in a far-away town; to take his word for it was like "going it blind." It is a different thing when a statement is presented from a citizen from people we know, and that's the case here:

"I was unable to follow my occupation of training and breaking in horses for some time;" says Chas H. Bodine, of No. 7 Roberts street, "owing to my kidneys. For four or five years I had the most terrible pains in my back, so severe I could not sleep at night, nor stoop over when I first got up in the morning. I walked about the house bent over, for I was simply unable to straighten up with the aching. It extended to my shoulder blades after a time and the whole back was sore. The urine had a dark color and was full of sediment. Some time ago I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at J. E. Mills' drug store. I had tried many remedies, but I got no relief until I found Doan's Kidney Pills. I never in my life saw anything to work so like a charm. I have quit taking them, for I no longer require them. I keep them right in the house. If they were difficult to obtain I would not dispose of them for any price, and I would pay $10 a box if I could not get them for less. When I used to catch cold it always lodged in my back, and then how I did suffer, but since taking Doan's Kidney Pills I have caught cold and it did not affect my back in the least. I hope I am permanently cured, for mine is an old case, the result of several strains received in training horses and from exposure and hardship when serving in the 18th Reg., Co. P. N. Y. Vol. I will be only too pleased to speak to any citizen privately about the particulars of my cure."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents per box, or six boxes for $2.50 Foster—Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for United States. Sent by mail on receipt of price. For sale by all dealers.

Remember the name Doan's, and take no substitute.

Ideal Treatment for Rheumatism.

The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.

Sold by J. E. Mills, 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. W. D. Olney.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, $1. All druggists.

In the Wrong Order.

"He was married and went crazy," she said, referring to a statement in a morning paper.

"Granting that he had any sense in the first place," he returned, "you must have got the statement reversed."

"How do you mean?" she demanded.

"'He went crazy and married' makes it seem more plausible," he answered.

Of course he had already planned to spend the evening elsewhere, or he wouldn't have dared say it.—Chicago Post.

The Husband's Way.

She (at the desk)—Dear, please tell me how to spell costume. I'm writing to mother about my lovely new gown.

He—Well, are you ready?

She—Yes.

He—C-o-s-t, cost—

She—Yes.

He—T-o—to—

She—Well?

He—M-e, me—$65, as yet unpaid.

She—You're a wretch!—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Her Unfortunate Knowledge.

After he had kissed her and pressed her rosy cheek against his and patted her soft round chin she drew back and asked:

"George, do you shave yourself?"

"Yes," he replied.

"I thought so," she said. "Your face is the roughest I ever—"

Then she stopped, but it was too late, and he went away with a cold, heavy lump in his breast.—Chicago Daily News.

His Desperate Action.

Drummer—Did that man who attempted to commit suicide while I was here last afterward succeed in accomplishing his purpose?

Square Corners Merchant—Well, just about the same thing; the week following he married a widow with five grown daughters.—N. Y. World.

How They Got Rich.

She—I could have married either Whipper or Snapper if I'd wanted to, and both of those men whom I refused have since got rich, while you are still as poor as a church mouse.

He—Of course. I've been supporting you all these years. They haven't.—N. Y. Weekly.

Ah, No!

Impatient Husband (tired of holding his chin up)—It's taking you an awfully long time to fix this necktie, Laura.

Patient Wife—You never used to complain about the length of time it took me to smooth out your neckties before we were married, George.—Chicago Tribune.

Two Bold Deceivers.

Mrs. Newed—I want to confess something to you, dearest. I deceived you about my age; it is more than I told you.

Mr. Newed—Then I may as well reciprocate, darling. I deceived you about my income; it is less than I told you.—Tit-Bits.

One Definition of It.

"Pa," said Tommy, "what is economy?"

"Economy," replied Mr. Hardup, with a meaning glance at his wife, "is walking three blocks to save a car fare and making a kick for a new bonnet on the strength of it."—N. Y. Journal.

Two Extremes.

"Why did you ever come to this frozen country?" asked one shivering traveler of another in the Chilkat pass.

"My creditors made it too hot for me in New York," said the other through his chattering teeth.—Brooklyn Life.

Illegal.

"Why don't you fill that tire?" said she,
Its looks did quite disgust her,
"It is against the law," said he,
"To fill-a-buster!"

—Cycling Gazette.

THE MODERN CASABIANCA.

The boy stood on the buring deck,
As straight as noble Festus;
He said "I'm not a bit afraid,
My suit's made of asbestos."

The Recipe.

"How do you begin to shave, chappie?"

"Aw—I follow the good old wule, deah boy, youah know; first catch youah lathah."—The Rival.

The Modern Maid.

She—Why didn't you warn me you were going to kiss me?

He—Why?

She—I would have made it easier for you.—Town Topics.

He Wanted to Know.

Pastor—Come out to church to-morrow. I feel sure you will enjoy the sermon.

Friend—Who is going to preach?—Harlem Life.

That's What They Do.

Willie—Pa, what's an usher?

Pa—It's the man who shows people where they mustn't sit at church.—Chicago Daily News.

A Hollow Square.

Bill—He's got a good square head on his shoulders.

Jill—Sort of hollow square, isn't it?

Of Course It Was.

Brainard—How did that baby party your wife got up last week turn out?

Ferguson—It was a howling success.—Chicago News.

The New Method.

"Then you are going to get a divorce from your husband?"

"Oh, mercy, no!" she replied. "We are merely going to segregate."—Judge.

LEGAL NOTICES.

WHEREAS, Default has been made in the payment of the interest money secured by a mortgage, dated the 28th day of June, 1889, executed by The Goshen Gas Light Company through its then President, E. D. Bushnell, of the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., to Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, to secure the payment of its bonds to the amount of twelve thousand dollars, which said mortgage was recorded in the County Clerk's office, of the county of Orange, on the 28th day of December, 1889, at ten o'clock and fifteen minutes a. m., in the proper book for recording mortgages, to wit: In Liber 309 of Mortgages, at Page 421.

And whereas, it was in and by said mortgage expressly agreed "In case default is made in the payment of the principal or interest moneys on said bonds secured by this mortgage, or any part thereof for the space of ninety days after the same or any part thereof shall accrue, become due and payable; or if the said party of the first part shall allow any taxes or assessments levied or assessed under any color of any lawful authority whatever to remain unpaid more than ninety days after the same shall become due and payable, that then and in such case the whole principal debt shall become and be forthwith due and payable even though said bonds may not have fully matured;" and thereupon the said party of the second part, his successor or successors, if required by fifty-one per centum in interest of said bondholders shall cause the whole of said premises to be sold at public auction, in the manner as provided in said mortgage.

And whereas, the said mortgagor, The Goshen Gas Light Company has failed to pay the interest which became due on the 1st day of January, 1897, or any part thereof, and the same has remained unpaid and in arrears for the space of more than ninety days, and the undersigned, at the written request of all the holders of said bonds has elected and hereby elects that the whole principal sum shall become due and payable immediately.

And whereas, default has been made in the payment of the amount due upon and secured to be paid by said mortgage as aforesaid, and there is now due and owing to said mortgagee, Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, upon and by virtue of said mortgage at the date of the first publication of this notice, the sum of twelve thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars, to wit: The sum of twelve thousand dollars principal and the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars for interest thereon from January 1st, 1897, and no suit, proceeding or other action at law or otherwise has been instituted to recover the said mortgage debt or any part thereof.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises in said mortgage and hereafter described, by Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Orange County Court House, in the village of Goshen, in the county of Orange, on the 23d day of February, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon of that day.

The following is a description of the mortgaged premises to be sold as aforesaid, as contained in said mortgage, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the village of Goshen, on the westerly side of West Main street, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in the centre of a stone bridge in the sidewalk on the westerly side of West Main street, about one hundred and ten feet easterly of the east corner of land belonging to the heirs of James Wardrop, deceased, and running thence in an easterly direction along said line of said West Main street one hundred and fifty feet; thence in a northerly direction, and at right angles with above line one hundred and twenty-five feet to lands of N. Y., L. E. and W. Railroad; thence in a westerly direction, along line of said railroad land, one hundred and fifty feet; thence in a southerly direction one hundred and twenty-five feet to place of beginning, being a lot one hundred and fifty feet front and rear, and one hundred and twenty-five feet deep, be the same more or less. Being the same premises which William M. Sayer and Jane, his wife, by a certain deed, dated the 29th day of June, A. D., 1879, conveyed to the said The Goshen Gas Light Company in fee, together with all and singular the buildings, machinery, improvements, ways, streets, alleys, passages, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining thereto, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also the corporate rights and franchises of the said party of the first part, and all the real estate and corporate franchises, and which the said party of the first part, its successors and assigns shall or may acquire or be seized or possessed of subsequent to the date of this indenture.

Dated Nov. 27, 1897.

Mon18tFeb22 HORATIO S. STEWART, Trustee

SUPREME Court, Orange county, N. Y.—Thomas E. Lee and Squire Lee, plaintiffs, against Sarah L. Innis and Jacob Innis, her husband; Sarah Lee, wife of Squire Lee; Joshua Ostrom Lee and Hallie Lee, his wife, Frederick Willis Lee and Lucie L. Lee, his wife; Clara Lee, wife of Thomas E. Lee; Squire Lee and Martin L. Lee, as executors of the last will and testament of Morris W. Lee, deceased; Sarah C. Lee, as executrix of the last will and testament of Morris A. Lee, deceased; Sarah C. Lee, Thomas E. Lee, as administrator de bonis non, with the will annexed, of Squire Lee, deceased, Squire Lee, as executor of the last will and testament of Fanny A. Lee, deceased, defendants.

In pursuance and by virtue of an interlocutory judgment of partition and sale made and rendered in the above entitled action at a Special Term of the Supreme Court held at the Supreme Court rooms in the Brewster Building, in the City of Newburgh, Orange county, N. Y., on the 15th day of December 1897. Hon. M. H. Hirschberg, Justice of said Court, and duly entered in the Orange County Clerk's office, I, the undersigned referee named in said judgment and appointed for that purpose, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Holding House, in the City of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y., on Wednesday, the 16th day of February 1898, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all and singular the lands and premises in said judgment described as follows, to wit

All that certain lot, piece and parcel of land situate, being and lying in the Village of Middletown, Orange county, New York, upon the east side of Hanford street, being more particularly known as lot number four (4) on a map of the lands of J. A. Bonnell, made by James Willis, C. E., dated March 28th, 1872, to which map reference is hereby made for greater certainty, said lot being about fifty feet in width front and rear and about one hundred and thirty feet deep, being the same premises described in a deed thereof from DeWitt C. McMonagle and wife to William Randall dated April 1st, 1882, and by said Randall deeded to Frederick W. Lee in a deed dated October 18th 1887, and recorded in the Orange County Clerk's office October 27th, 1887, in Book 351 of Deeds at Page 576. Also all that certain other lot, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being in the said Village of Middletown, Orange county, New York, on the east side of Hanford street and immediately north of and adjoining said above mentioned lot number four and known, numbered and designated as lot number five (5) on a map of the lands of J. A. Bonnell, dated March 28th 1882, reference being hereby made to the same for greater certainty, said lot number five being about fifty feet in width, front and rear by one hundred and thirty feet deep more or less. Being the same premises conveyed by William Randall and wife to Frederick W. Lee by deed dated October 19th, 1887, and recorded in the Orange County Clerk's office, October 27th, 1887, in Book 351 of Deeds at Page 576. Said above lots numbered four and five are conveyed subject to the condition that no strong or spirituous liquors shall be sold upon said premises. Together with all rights of first parties to the centre of Hanford street in front of said lands subject to the rights of the public for highway purposes.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1898

JOHN C. R. TAYLOR, Referee

DILL & COX, Plaintiffs' Attorneys

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Increasing cloudiness to-night; slight snow and warmer, to-morrow, followed by fair.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 16°; 12 m., 23°; 3 p. m., 22°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Jan 28.—Entertainment at St Paul's M. E. Church.
—Jan. 31-Feb. 5—Minnie Seward Company, at Casino.
—Feb. 10—Mary French Field, at the Casino. (Y. M. C. A. entertainment course.)
—Feb. 17—VanLaer, English Art, Literary Club's lecture course
—Feb. 25—Kennan, Russia, Literary Club's lecture course.
—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.

Congressman Odell is in Newburgh for a few days and has caused it to be announced that he is "attending to private business." It's dollars to doughnuts, though, that he'll be interviewed by many Middletown Republicans and asked to explain why he allows the post office appointment to be held up.

When the *Press* suggests that the ARGUS, in printing all the news obtainable concerning the scramble for the Middletown post office is inspired by any unworthy motive, it is deliberately untruthful and purposely indecent,—and it is never necessary for the *Press* to make any special effort to be either the one or the other.

"Steve" Boyce, who has captured the Port Jervis post office, has been what the late Mose Miller used to call "a hewer of water and drawer of wood" for the Republican party for years. He has done all sorts of hard work for his party, but until now never got anything but broken promises, which he found about as fattening as an east wind.

Judge Dunwell, in a Rochester case, has made several interesting and important Raines law rulings. He holds that a person convicted of felony cannot traffic in liquor; that stalls, or curtains suspended to make stalls, are not permissible in a room where liquor is sold; that a liquor tax certificate is not a contract, and that a certificate cannot be relieved from risk of cancellation, for cause, by assignment.

Within six months over 4,000 mining claims have been filed at Albany by persons who think they have discovered gold and silver. Most of these supposed discoveries ave been made in Saratoga county, but many have been filed from other counties in Northern New York. Mining operations on an extensive scale have been begun at several points in Saratoga county, and it will soon be determined whether there is enough gold there to make mining profitable.

THE POST OFFICE LEASE.

The Government Renews the Lease of Its Present Quarters for Five Years.

Post Office Inspector Moses Duryea was in this city, to-day, and closed a lease with Jacob Gunther for the premises now occupied by the post office for a term of five years, the present lease having about expired.

It is stated that efforts were made to cause the removal of the office to another street, but this will settle that. Mr. Gunther states that it would cost $1,500 to fit up another office as the present one is now fitted.

The general public will learn of the new lease with genuine satisfaction.

FROM KLONDIKE.

"Billy" Bell Sends a White Weasel's Skin from Chilcoot Pass.

Jacob Gunther has received a white weasel's skin from W. H. Bell, formerly of this city, and now at Anacortes, Wash. He states that he captured it in a canyon on Chilcoot Pass.

Mr. Gunther will have it mounted and place it among his collection of stuffed animals.

IN THE RAILRORD WORLD

—J. R. W. Davis, assistant engineer on the Delaware Division, of the Erie Railroad, will be appointed roadmaster of the Chicago and Erie road, with headquarters at Huntington, Ind. The appointment will take effect on or about Feb 1st. Mr. Davis has been connected with the Erie in his present capacity for six years.

GENUINE Elgin Creamery Butter 22c per pound. Gt. A. and P. Tea Co., 2 Empire Block, North street. 1t

FOUR GERMAN SAILORS KILLED.

Attacked by a Chinese Mob and Butchered After a Stubborn Fight.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 28—A Choo-Foo dispatch to the Shanghai *Mercury* gives the details of the assassination of a German sailor named Schultz, belonging to the cruiser Kaiser.

The crime was committed by the Chinese rabble, Monday night, and discovered by three men of the corporal's guard while making the rounds. The relieving guards were directly afterward attacked by a hundred natives. It is reported that all the sailors were killed after a stubborn fight, in which twelve natives were killed.

There is the greatest excitement at Kiao-Chou and it is believed that Germany will now make further demands on China.

DEPUTY MARSHALS KILLED.

Shot Down by an Indian Territory Whiskey Peddler.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Jan. 28.—At Inola, Indian Territory, yesterday, United States Marshal Beck, while arresting Bill Miller and Joe Phelps, whiskey peddlers, was shot by the latter.

Deputies Hess and Bussey tried to dislodge Phelps from a house in which he took refuge, when the peddlers opened fire and both officials fell.

Passengers on a train at the depot witnessed the battle. They report that both officers were killed and the marshal seriously wounded.

THE KILLING OF GEN. ARANGUERN

Surprised by Three Columns of Spanish Troops While Visiting His Mistress.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, Jan. 28.—The details regarding the killing of Brigadier General Nestor Aranguern show that Col. Aranzabe, of the Spanish forces, ascertained that Aranguern was in the habit of visiting his mistress in a hut in the Tapist hills. Wednesday, he ordered three columns of troops to surprise the insurgent chief and the latter was shot and killed with one of his companions.

The troops captured two women and the father of Aranguern's mistress.

AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

Short Session of the Legislature—Pardoned by the Governor.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, Jan. 28.—The Legislature adjourned, after a short session, until 8:30 Monday evening.

The Governor, to-day, pardoned William Harring, of Rochester, who was serving three years and nine months in Auburn prison for grand larceny.

TO GUARD CUBAN WATERS.

Spain to Send a Large Naval Force to Cuba.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, Jan 28.—The *Herald* says that besides the active squadron, which will leave Cadiz, four torpedo boats and five torpedo boat destroyers will be sent to guard Cuban coasts.

VISITED THE MAINE.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, Jan. 28.—Acting Captain General Parrado visited the battle ship Maine, to-day, and was saluted by the Cubanos Fortress' guns as he went aboard.

VERY COLD IN NOTHERN NEW YORK

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALONE, N. Y., Jan. 28.—The thermometer registered 25° below zero this morning.

THE JOHNSON BURGLARY.

The Men Arrested at Sloatsburgh Identified by the Middletown Police—Had on Shoes from the Johnson Store—Held for Further Examination.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Faulkner returned, last night, from New City, Rockland County, having in his custody the young men who were arrested at Sloatsburgh two weeks ago, and held as a disorderly persons, on the suspicion that they were the parties who burglarized the store of Geo. Smith at Johnson about the time of their arrest.

It will be remembered that Officer Grant Wilson went to New City shortly after their arrest but failed to identify the men. The Deputy Sheriff also failed to identify them but when he entered police headquarters with the men last night, there was a general laugh at the expense of both officers, for the "regulars" at once recognized the men, as Joseph Monahan, alias "Hungry Joe" and James Brennan, a young mason who has lived in Middletown all his life.

The young men were locked up, to await the action of the authorities at Johnson.

An examination was held by Justice Payne, this afternoon. George Smith and William Elston, of whom Smith bought the store, testified. The prisoners were made to take off their shoes and Mr. Elston found his private mark, an "E," stamped in each pair. He stamped all of his shoes after a robbery, which occurred when he owned the store.

There being none of the other goods taken from the men at Sloatsburgh in the possession of the authorities here, an adjournment was taken until Tuesday, to allow the articles to be brought here from Jersey City.

The men were taken to Goshen jail.

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GOOD TEMPLARS' ELECTIO

Officers Chosen by Excelsior Lodge for the Next Quarter.

The following officers were elected by Excelsior Lodge, No. 443, I. O. G. T., Thursday evening, for the quarter commencing Feb. 1st.

C. T.—T. W. Smith.
V. T.—Cora O'Neil.
S. J. T.—Mrs. C. S. Sloat.
Sec'y—Gussie Turner.
Asst. Sec'y—(To be chosen.)
Fin. Sec'y—Maggie Grier.
Treas.—Belle Turner.
Chaplain—Ella M. Snyder.
Marshal—Albert Snyder.
D. M.—(To be chosen.)
G.—Ethel Corwin.
S.—Chas. Robinson.
P. C. T.—W. D. Robinson.

Lodge Deputy Clarence T. Conkling will install the officers, next Thursday evening.

O. and W. Engineers' Contest.

Geo. W. Obenaur now leads in the Norwich *Sun's* O. and W. engineers' contest with 754 votes. S. T. Seaman has 713, John Devine, 637.

Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away." but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

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MARRIED.

MURPHY—BRINK—In this city, Jan. 20th, '98, by Recorder Barnes, Patrick Murphy and Ida Brink.

CLEARY—O'NEIL—In this city, Jan. 26th, '98, by Rev. J. P. McClancy, Michael Cleary and Maggie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Neil.

FORD—FREEMAN—At Goshen Jan. 25th, '97, by Rev. P. E. McCorry, William Ford and Jennie Freeman, both of Warwick.

MILLER—WELLING—At Warwick, Jan 26th, '98, Joseph Miller and Mary A., daughter of Thos Welling both of Warwick.

DIED.

KYTE—At Goshen, Jan. 21st, '98, Mrs. Eliza Kyte, aged eighty-eight years.

RUMSEY—At Newark, N. J., Jan 18th, '98, Mrs. Maria F. Rumsey, aunt of Wm. A. Rumsey, of the town of Goshen, aged seventy one years.

ARMSTRONG—At Lock Haven, Pa., Jan 17th, '98 Robert J. Armstrong, formerly of Pine Bush, aged sixty five years

PRICE—At Port Jervis, Jan 20th, '98, Albert E. Price, aged twenty-six years.

MULOCK—A Mount Hope, Jan. 20th, '98, Cynthia, widow of the late Daniel Mulock in her eightieth year

TRACY—At Port Jervis, Jan 23d, '98, Margaret, widow of the late Richard Tracy, aged fifty-seven years.

DURYEA—Near Unionville, Jan. 24th, '98 Edward Duryea aged about seventy years.

BARKER—At Matamoras, Pa., of general debility Wm. H. Barker, aged seventy-nine years

O'ROURKE—In the town of New Windsor, Jan. 10th, '98, Katie, daughter of Bernard and Mary J O'Rourke, aged seven years.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No 8. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

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The same reduction stands good in this department also, and many are taking advantage of it by having an Overcoat, Suit or Extra Trousers made at

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—General merchandise at auction Feb. 3d.
—Meats cheap at Dugdale's market.
—Stoves for sale at 46 East Main street.
—Man wanted to work on a farm.
—Grocery store for sale.
—Two butchers wanted by Dugdale.
—Elgin butter 21c and standard oil 5 gallons 35c at C. N. Predmore & Son's.
—Glove lost.
—Fresh spinach and radishes at Bull & Youngblood's.
—Elgin butter 22c at the A. and P. Tea Store.
—Carpets, wall paper and dress goods cheap at Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Piso's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—*Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.*

—Minnie Seward and her company all next week at the Casino.

—Post office Inspector Moses L. Duryea of Monticello, was in this city, today.

—The Rev. David Evans will exchange pulpits on Sunday morning next with Rev. Geo. C. Betts, of Goshen.

—Ladies can secure the best reserved seats in the Casino, Monday night, by paying 15 cents. The chart is now open.

—Oxford, Chenango county, reports a population of 1,875, a gain of twenty-seven per cent. over the figures of 1890.

—The Spaulding wheel, which is to go to the most popular young lady at St. Joseph's Society's fair, may be seen at Clearwater's.

—The *Courier* in its account of the reopening of the Deposit Methodist church says that the sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Wilson, of this city, was interesting and effective.

—The board of managers and active workers of the Ulster County Agricultural Society will hold their annual supper at the Terwilliger House, Ellenville, Monday evening.

—The Newburgh Firemen's Association after paying all the expenses of the big tournament held last June, closed the year with a balance of $522.40, nearly $150 more than it began the year with.

PERSONAL.

—Rev. Dr. Thomas Gordon has returned from Washington.

—Willian Van Kleeck, of Montgomery, was a caller at this office, to-day.

—Miss Anna E. Law, of Benton avenue, went to New York, to-day, to visit her brother.

—Mrs. W. B. Royce went to Jersey City, to-day, to visit her daughter, Mrs. MacBurney.

—Harry Kroeger, who has been spending a few days in this city, returned to Susquehanna, Thursday.

—Former Under Sheriff J. Harvey Goodale, although still unable to leave his room is improving rapidly.

—The Burlyville correspondent of the *Ensign* says that Frank Evans and family, of this city, are visiting relatives there.

—Miss Anna Davidson, who has been home attending her brother during his illness, has returned to Middletown.—*Roscoe Review.*

—Mrs. George W. Brady has been entertaining her cousin, Miss Laura Clark, of Middletown. Miss Elsie Brady has also had for her guest Miss Henrietta Turell, of Middletown.—*Ellenville Journal.*

HENRY P. MUNDAY INJURED.

Struck by an Engine in the O. and W. Yard, Thursday Night, and His Spine Was Injured.

Henry P. Munday, an O. and W. brakeman, was badly hurt in this city about 10 o'clock, Thursday night. He was assisting in the making up of a freight train in the O. and W. yard and stepped from one engine in front of an ice train which had just come in, and was struck in the back.

He was picked up and taken to Thrall Hospital where Dr. Mills attended him. It was feared at first that his back was broken, but the physician now believes that though the spine is severely injured the bone is not broken.

Congratulations to Port Jervis's New Postmaster.

The Orange County Express brakeman who told, Thursday morning, at every station that "Steve" Boyce had captured the Port Jervis post office and wanted all the depot loungers to congratulate the lucky man when he came through on the Mountain Express, was only a few hours ahead of time. The real congratulations came on Boyce's trip west, last night, and were much heartier than the mock ones tendered when he went east.

This morning, another group was at the station when the Mountain Express appeared and "Steve" handed baggagemaster George Ellison and expressman Fred Miles a handful of cigars each, with instructions to pass them around.

Wawayanda Whippoorwills Entertained in This City.

The Wawayanda Whippoorwills held a jolly session, Thursday night, at the home of Mrs. Carter on Highland avenue. Dancing to Berg's orchestra was kept up until a late hour.

Meeting of the State Firemen's Executive Committee.

J. R. Van Duzer went to Troy, to-day, to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Firemen's Association.

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. Cure All Pain. "One cent a dose."

CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAYS.

Alderman W. C. F. Bastian and Charles Korn Were Surprised as Was the Maennerchor's Leader, R. Opitz.

The Germania Maennerchor met ostensibly for rehearsal, Thursday night, but invitations had been slyly passed around that a surprise was in store. There was a large attendance of the members and their guests, including Theo. Reinecke, of the Orange County Brewery, and his full staff of employes.

A long table was set with "stag" dishes and the room was tastefully decorated with bunting, while at the front end of the hall was suspended a large American flag.

Charles Korn, one of the oldest members of the singing society, was seventy-four years of age, Thursday, and Alderman W. C. F. Bastian's fifty-ninth birthday also occurred on that day.

Hence the "commers," which was given Thursday night, was in their honor and the capable leader, R. Opitz, was made a sharer in the distinction to be accorded them.

When all were seated at the table, President Forthoffer addressed the company, paying tribute to their three guests of honor. At a word from him Committeemen Eisman and Hutt raised the flag and displayed handsomely framed pictures of the three. Alderman Bastian's picture occupied the centre panel, Mr. Korn's being on the right and Mr. Opitz on the left. These pictures were intended to be a surprise and they were.

Mr. Korn responded gracefully and was followed by Mr. Bastian, who made an address of considerable length, which met with great applause. His theme was "harmony," and it met the approval of all present. Leader Opitz followed and the supper was attacked.

During the evening the corps sang several selections with good effect. One, which was led by the former leader, Mr. Bastian, a chorus from the opera Waldteufel, was very good.

Theodore Reinecke made a polished address, in which he expressed the hope that the Germans and others would harmonize on the beer his company would shortly produce.

George Ohl, of Newark, gave some exquisite zither selections, and "Billy" Williams in black face and Mother Hubbard told stories, sang songs and cracked jokes. Louis Kern continued the fun of the evening by a humorous paper on some funny things which have happened to Maennerchor members.

The committee which successfully managed the affair was composed of the following members: R Forthoffer, William Hutt, Otto Hack, Ernest Eisman and John Moshier.

THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Constitution and By-Laws Adopted at Thursday Night's Meeting.

The meeting of the Merchants' Association, Thursday evening, was well attended and considerable business of importance was transacted.

The constitution and by-laws reported by the committee on organization were discussed and adopted. The by-laws provide for holding the annual election in February, and until then the temporary officers of the association will be continued.

The committee to induce business men to join the association reported fair success and was instructed to continue its efforts.

Matters of interest and importance to the association were discussed, and the opinion was generally expressed that the association, if continued on the lines proposed, was certain to prove of great advantage to the business men of Middletown.

STILL UNIDENTIFIED

Though Many Have Seen the Railroad's Victim No One Knows His Name.

The body of the unknown man who was struck by Erie No 8 and instantly killed at the "Hogback" Tuesday night remains at Rockafellow's morgue. More than a hundred people have looked at the face which is cold in death and a number have said the features are familiar, but none can identify the man positively.

The Coroner has arranged to have a picture of the face taken, this afternoon, and if still unidentified, to-morrow, he will probably have the body buried.

Thrown Out of a Hotel.

There was a fight on James street about 3 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, which attracted a crowd. A young man, who has a reputation for starting trouble, was thrown out of a hotel once and on re-entering another hand to hand fight occurred. The young man was finally ejected and he disappeared.

Made a Fireman in New York City.

John P. Burns, a former resident of this city, who was employed as a moulder in Benjamin's foundry, was appointed, Thursday, a member of the New York fire department.

Sailed for the Mediterranean.

Webb Horton and daughter, Miss Carrie, sailed on the "Augusta Victoria," this afternoon, for points on the Mediterranean. They will be absent several months.

D. F. B Club Sleighriding.

The members of the D. F. B. Club went to Schubert's at Bloomingburgh, this afternoon, in a jolly big sleighload.

After serious illness, like typhoid fever, pneumonia or the grip, Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful strength-giving power.

TWO RAISED CHECKS.

A Young Man Arrested Charged With Forgery—The Amount Involved, $28, Made Good and Proceedings Dropped

William A. Rogers, aged twenty, residing near Eight-and-a-Half Station, was arrested at his home, yesterday afternoon, by Policeman William Faulkner, on a warrant charging him with forgery in the second degree.

Young Rogers purchased some goods from Morris B. Wolf, a few days ago, and tendered in payment a check for $27, drawn on the First National Bank by Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley, payable to his order. In December he had a similar check for $28 cashed at the First National Bank. Rogers was well known at both places, and although there were several erasures on the checks they were taken without question.

When Mrs. Hartley had her account written up it was discovered that the December check had been raised from twenty to twenty-eight dollars and the January check from seven to twenty-eight dollars.

The work was very clumsily done and would never have passed scrutiny, but for the fact that Rogers was so well known.

The young man was completely broken up, and out of consideration for his family, the officials of the bank and Mrs. Hartley refused to prosecute, as the amounts realized from the raised checks were returned, together with the costs of the arrest.

When questioned by the Recorder, this morning, young Rogers claimed that he did not raise the checks himself, but that another young man was responsible. He had simply endorsed and passed them. In the absence of further proof, however, his story will not be investigated.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Lewis Bookstaver.

The remains of Mrs. Lewis Bookstaver, who died at Syracuse, Wednesday, were buried to-day in the Crawford Cemetery at Collabar, in the town of Crawford. Mrs. Bookstaver was a daughter of the late William B. and Jane Crawford, and was born on the Crawford homestead near the Union school house. William B. Crawford, of the New York Custom House, is a brother. She was about sixty years of age, and had resided in Syracuse for many years. She had no children.

David M. Slauson.

David Massend Slauson died at his home in Milford, Pa., Monday, aged eighty-eight years. Death was due to grip and old age. He was born in the town of Greenville, and removed to Pike county in 1828, purchasing the place known as Slauson Hollow, but later removing to Milford village. He was for more than fifty years a member of the Methodist Church, and was respected and esteemed by all.

DENNISTON FINISHED THIRD.

Close of the Walking Match at Ellenville.

The fifty-hour walking match at Ellenville resulted in first money for Walker, of Crystal Run. Green, of Phillipsport, was second, and Dennison, the O and W. ticket agent at the Main street station in this city, third. Walker covered 135 miles.

Moore, of this city, who finished third in the race at Midway Park, last summer, started in the race, but stopped after four hours, because he thought the attendance did not indicate the financial success of the venture.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS.

Meetings to Be Held by Special Deputy Smith—Meeting of the County Lodge

T. W. Smith, of this city, Special Deputy of the I. O. G. T. and for New York State, will lecture at Livingston Manor, next Monday evening, and at Turners, next Wednesday evening. Arrangements for meetings at Monroe and other points are being made.

The 104th quarterly session of Orange County Lodge, No 38, will be held at Goshen, Feb. 25th. D. W. Hooker, Grand Chief Templar, will speak at the public meeting in the evening in the M. E. Church.

Suing the Town of Crawford.

E. C. Terwilliger, of the town of Gardiner, Ulster County, is suing the town of Crawford for $100 for injuries alleged to have been sustained by his horse catching its foot in a hole in a bridge near Pine Bush in August last. The case will be tried before a jury in Justice Engel's Court in Montgomery, March 17th. J. C. R. Taylor, of this city, is the town's attorney.

Sale of the Caroline M. Robertson Property.

Frank Crawford purchased the Caroline M. Robertson property, No. 49 South street, Thursday afternoon. It was started at $2,000, and Charles L. Mead and Charles W. Coleman, the executors were pursued by bidders until $3,500 had been bid. Mr. Crawford bid $3,501 and secured the property.

Death of a Veteran.

Joseph H. Seymour, a veteran of the war, died on Thursday morning, in Newburgh, in his fifty-sixth year. He enlisted in Co. F, 128th N. Y. V., Aug. 4, 1862, and was discharged July 12, 1865.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Junior Endeavorers' Sleigh Ride—A Runaway—Speeding on Main Street—A Plain Drunk.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—The Junior Christian Endeavor Society enjoyed a sleigh ride, yesterday afternoon, to Florida and return via Chester.

—A horse belonging to Miss Helms, of Washingtonville, and left in front of Mrs. George Greene's residence in charge of another young lady, ran away yesterday. The young lady was thrown from the sleigh, but not injured. The horse was stopped near the farm of John Case.

—Main street is the scene of some interesting speed contests since the recent fall of snow.

—Nicholas Mabee was gathered in by the police, last night, for intoxication.

APPRECIATES THE GIFT.

Alert Hose Company Acknowledges the Receipt of a Remembrance from DeWitt Drum Corps.

DeWitt Fife and Drum Corps, which accompanied Eagle Hose Company when it went to Norwich, last summer, and was royally entertained by Alert Hose Company, recently sent the Alerts a handsomely colored photograph of the Corps as an acknowledgement of courtesies shown the members while in Norwich. The following letter acknowledging the gift has been received:

NORWICH, Jan. 25th, 1898.

GENTLEMEN:—Your esteemed favor of a recent date, together with the picture of the most handsome body of men in the southern tier, except the Eagle Hose Company ("wait a minute"), was duly received, and in reply, permit us to thank you most heartily for your kind memento.

We have hung the picture among our galaxy of sporting stars, for whom hanging is too good.

In all our future meetings, both sober and otherwise, our eyes will rest upon that picture as containing the faces of some of God's noblemen, the best fellows we ever went up against.

We should be pleased to reciprocate your kind courtesy in a similar manner, but it is impossible, owing to the fact that G. Wick and Harry Bowen lost their mustaches.

To be serious, gentlemen, it needs no monument or memento to perpetuate in our memory the many kindnesses we have received at your hands, and our earnest prayer is that we will be spared to enjoy with you many, many more happy meetings.

You could have taken no action that we would have appreciated more sincerely than the gift you so thoughtfully sent.

With every kind regard and sincere gratitude, the Alert Hose Company, No. 1, begs to remain forever and always,

Sincerely yours,
ALERT HOSE CO., NO. 1,
Per HARRY BOWEN, Sec.

To Daniel Veber, Secretary DeWitt Fife and Drum Corps, Middletown, N. Y.

THE PRUDENTIAL BANQUET.

Employes of the Company from This City and Vicinity Who Were Present.

Among those who attended the Prudential Insurance Company banquet were the following agents:

E. G. W. Musbach, G. K. Scott, F. A. Green, C. Freeman, G. W. Hurtin, C. R. Cooper, S. Gardiner, S. Lee, G. J. Van Keuren and S. Humphrey, of this city; L. D. H. Van Evera and C. E. Jackel, of Walden; G. E. Smith and W. H. Tolcott, of Goshen; T. W. Wood, W. Longwell, of Warwick, and B. Pennie, of Montgomery.

Dr. M. C. Connor, of this city, medical examiner for the company, was also present.

HYMENEAL.

Miller—Welling.

A quiet family wedding took place in Warwick, Wednesday, at the residence of Thomas Welling, the bride being his daughter, Mariana, and the bridegroom Joseph E. V. Miller. The Rev. Taber Knox, of the Reformed Church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will spend a month or so in the South.

Wallkill Hat Works to Start Up Next Week.

It is expected that the Wallkill hat works, which have been shut down for over a month while a new Hogan boiler has been put in place and needed repairs to the machinery made, will be started up next month. This will be welcome news to the employes who are more than tired of enforced idleness.

Real Estate Sales.

—The Walter Wells farm, two miles north of Newburgh on the Plattekill turnpike, was sold at auction in Newburgh, Thursday, to close the estate. It was bought by John Flanagan for $4,730. The farm contains 154 acres and is one of the finest in that section.

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Waxing War on Sin in Newburgh.

From the Newburgh Journal.

A combination of evangelists have struck town. "Broncho Jack," the famous cow boy poet evangelist and wife, accompanied by Capt. A. Evans, the converted pirate and wife, and little "Nevada," the singing pilgrim, and are holding nightly meetings at the Home Mission on Smith street.

In a Receiver's Hands.

Judge Hischberg has appointed T. Bradley Scott receiver of the Hudson River Paint company doing business in Newburgh and employing ten or twelve men.

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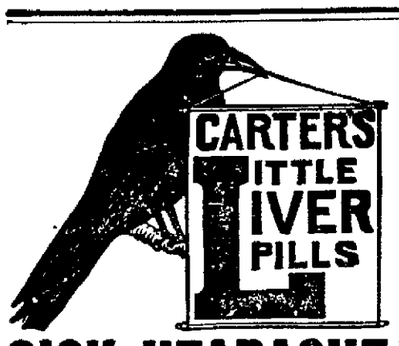

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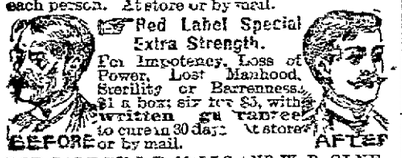

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Those special Blank Books I had made at McINTYRE'S BINDERY, 32 North Street, Middletown, are first class and the price was all right.

TROUBLE FOR LEOPOLD.

King of Belgians Threatened with Widespread Revolution.

Opposition to His Efforts to Enforce Obligatory Military Service—In League with the German Emperor.

From reliable news which reaches the St. Louis Globe-Democrat from Belgium there is every reason to believe that Belgium is on the verge of a revolution, threatening the existence of the dynasty, and which may be said to owe its origin to the persistent efforts of the king to render military conscription more rigorous and obligatory service in the army universal.

Anti-militarist demonstrations are the order of the day in all parts of the kingdom, and at Brussels, at Liege, at Antwerp, Namur and other great centers of industry processions and parades of workingmen and working women are constantly taking place, phrases such as "down with militarism," "down with the barracks," "no more lotteries in human flesh" and "down with the German colonel," the latter a slur against the king, being inscribed on the banners and transparencies carried by the participants in the demonstrations. Moreover, there is an ominous and grim determination on the part of the masses in the matter which bodes ill for King Leopold, who seems determined at all cost to introduce into his dominions the same military system as that which prevails in Germany. He has not yet been able to bring about universal obligatory service in the regular army itself, but he has done the next best thing. He has secured the enactment of obligatory military service for all in the so-called civic guard or militia, which he has gradually assimilated and incorporated into the regular army.

The people are thoroughly aware of his schemes and of his projects, but have practically no means, same menace through demonstration or by actual revolution, of combating the royal maneuvers, for the electoral suffrage of Belgium, although extended two or three years ago, is still of the most in-

KING OF THE BELGIANS.
(The Most Unpopular Monarch in All Europe.)

conceivably limited character, and practically restricts the franchise to the classes, leaving the masses, which are mostly socialist, without representation in the national legislature.

There is no monarch in Europe who is more thoroughly unpopular with his subjects than King Leopold, who is not really a native Belgian, but a German prince, talking German better than French, and with all his sympathies in favor of Germany. He thoroughly realizes the insecurity of his position, due to the fact that his lieges are so heartily sick of him as a ruler and ashamed both of the scandals of his private life, as well as of the questionable financial transactions in which he has so frequently become involved. It is on this account, and with the view of preserving his tottering throne, that he has thrown himself into the arm of King William, with whom he is known to have concluded a military convention, this conviction having been confirmed last autumn at his speech at Kiel, when in toasting the kaiser he spoke of getting "my Belgian division into proper working order" the inference being that the Belgian division in question is a division of the German army that is eventually to invade France.

It is in compliance with the terms of this military convention to which Leopold looks as his only safeguard against revolution and deposition that he is endeavoring to introduce the same military system as that which prevails in Germany, efforts which, it is scarcely necessary to say, are giving great offense here at Paris as well as uneasiness. For should German troops ever cross the Belgian frontier for the purpose of maintaining Leopold upon the throne an outbreak of war between France and Germany would necessarily result. Belgium occupying a position of such immense strategic importance with regard to France that the latter could not for one moment dream of permitting her hereditary foe to establish herself there. The present situation in Belgium is extremely critical and cannot last much longer without coming to a head.

What Rocked the Cradle.

A traveler going through a sparsely settled country came to a lonely cabin, and, finding the door open, went in. Nobody was in sight, but in the center of the room he saw a cradle with a baby lying in it fast asleep. The cradle was rocked back and forth with great regularity, and he was puzzled to know what kept it in motion. On examination he found a stout cord attached to a nail driven in the side of the cradle and passed through an auger hole in the side of the house. He took up the trail, which soon led him into a ravine where a donkey was standing and switching his tail. The mystery was explained. The other end of the cord was attached to the donkey's tail and the constant switching kept the cradle in motion. It was an ingenious device on the part of the mother to keep her baby asleep while she went off for a time.

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Dated Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 1st, 1898.

DEWITT C. McMONAGLE.
WILLIAM H. ROGERS.

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Now therefore, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, this certificate certifies that we, the undersigned, WILLIAM H. ROGERS and FRED S. ROGERS, will conduct the said business and will continue to use the said co-partnership name of "McMONAGLE & ROGERS," in carrying on said business, and that said William H. Rogers and Fred S. Rogers will be the only persons dealing under such name in the said business of conducting and carrying on a general wholesale and retail drug and flavoring extract business.

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Dated Middletown N. Y., Jan. 13. 1898.

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FRED S. ROGERS.

STATE OF NEW YORK, } s. s.:
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On this 14th day of January, 1898, before me personally appeared WILLIAM H. ROGERS and FRED S. ROGERS, to me known and known to me to be the individuals mentioned and described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

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M. Cambon for the last seven years has been governor-general of Algeria, a post corresponding in responsibility to that of viceroy of India. In May, 1891, when M. Cambon went to govern Algeria which Edmond About used to describe as "l'autre France," he found it a sort of military proconsulate, where the natives were regarded as a conquered race, subject to the constant severity of martial law. M. Cambon with his characteristic energy, at once set to work to free Algeria from centralizing leading strings and gradually to accord that liberty of conscience and religion which now makes it possible for every Algerian to practice his religion without being accountable to anyone. M. Cambon made every effort to educate and improve the condition of the native population, and his success was so marked that at no period of the French administration of Algeria have the Mahometans and their chiefs shown such loyalty and devotion as at present. As governor-general of Algeria M. Cambon often had to solve difficult and in-

JULES CAMBON.
(The New French Ambassador to the United States.)

tricate diplomatic questions, but it is as ambassador to the United States that he makes his debut in a purely diplomatic capacity.

During the Franco-German war M. Cambon distinguished himself as a captain of mobiles, and many acts of gallantry and daring are placed to his credit. After the war he became auditor-general at the council of state. He was subsequently sent to Algeria, where he had charge of the interior service of the general government, and, rapidly gaining the confidence of his chief, Gen. Chanzy, he was made, when only 30 years of age, prefect of the department of Constantine. He also rendered important service as a member of the commission of reform, which was the first step in the direction of making Algeria a civil instead of a purely military colony. M. Cambon was afterward called to Paris, where he became secretary-general of the prefecture of police, and some months later he was made prefect of the department of the north, where, by a singular coincidence, he replaced his elder brother, M. Paul Cambon, who is now French ambassador at Constantinople. From the office of prefect of the department of the north M. Jules Cambon was promoted to that of Lyons, which after that of Paris (the department of the Seine) is the most important perfecture of France. From Lyons M. Cambon went to Algeria as governor-general—a post which he left in October to became ambassador to the United States.

M. Jules Cambon is a liberal but constitutional republican. He is an enemy to circumlocution and red tape, and has devoted much of his spare time to the study of administrative reform, in doing which he has become a deep student of political and economic questions in the United States. M. Cambon is of medium height, with light blond hair and whiskers tinged with gray.

Curious Geographical Find.

A submerged island has been found 1,000 miles due west from Gibraltar which offers a curious problem for geographers. It was discovered by the prince of Monaco, and will soon be placed on the charts issued by the hydrographic office at Washington. The sunken island was discovered quite by accident by the prince while making soundings from his yacht the Princess Alice, and the formation was accordingly named after the yacht. The island is supposed to have been at one time a huge volcano. Its shape, which has been determined by careful soundings, is much the same as that of a huge cocked hat. The island is in no danger of interfering in the least with navigation, since its highest point is some 41 fathoms below the surface of the sea.

Cinnamon in Florida.

The cinnamon tree has recently been introduced into the Biscayune bay region of Florida, and is now being cultivated extensively on the Perrine grant.

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FIRST GRADE.

March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.

TRAINING CLASSES.

January 19th, 20th and 21st, at Port Jervis.
June 8th, 9th and 10th, at Port Jervis.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES.

January 13th and 14th, at Port Jervis.
March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
May 27th and 28th, at Otisville.
August 11th and 12th at Middletown.
September 23d and 24th, at Warwick.

KINDERGARTEN.

January 19th and 20th, at Port Jervis.
June 8th and 9th, at Port Jervis.

DRAWING.

March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.

NORMAL ENTRANCE.

Second Thursday of January, 13th, at Port Jervis.
Fourth Friday of May, 27th, at Otisville.
Second Thursday of August, 11th, at Middletown.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Examinations will be held from 9.15 a. m. to 12.30 m and from 1.30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

No books, books nor pamphlets will be allowed in the room where the examination is held, and all paper to be used by candidates will be furnished by the Commissioner. Any one detected in copying, using notes, or in any way trying to obtain a certificate dishonestly, will be prohibited from attending future examinations.

Candidates residing in the Second Commissioner District of Orange county wishing to take the uniform examination in any other county, must first obtain the written consent of the Commissioner of this district.

Extracts from State Regulations—Experience—Candidates must have taught successfully for a period of not less than ten weeks, and are not eligible to enter an examination without having had such experience except for third grade.

A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION for State Scholarships in Cornell University will be held at the Public School Goshen, upon Saturday, June 4th, 1898, commencing at 9 o'clock.

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IMPORTANT CHANGE UNDER WAY.

An Explanation of Recent Remarkable Rises In Stock Quotations—Alleged Terms of the Proposed Combination.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—William K. Vanderbilt's intentions with regard to the New York Central and the Lake Shore railroad properties have constituted for the past few days the dominant mystery of Wall street. Conjecture has been busy in that quarter for more than a week, and, although Mr. Vanderbilt has maintained an iron bound reticence, the finger of rumor has pointed so steadfastly toward a great scheme of consolidation that the prices of New York Central and Lake Shore stock have advanced with extraordinary vim.

Disclosures were made yesterday that practically remove all doubt as to the fact that negotiations of the greatest importance to both of the railroad properties mentioned have about reached a culminating point. It is likely that some authoritative announcement will speedily be made of radical changes in existing New York Central and Lake Shore conditions.

That Mr. William K. Vanderbilt is the absolute master of the situation is accepted as a fact by even the most conservative element in financial circles.

Since Cornelius Vanderbilt became incapacitated through illness from attending to business matters the activity of William K. Vanderbilt in New York Central affairs has been made apparent in various ways.

Having financiered the Lake Shore railroad with remarkable success, it is said to be Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt's ambition to infuse new financial vigor into the New York Central property. With that end in view, he is credited with having devised an elaborate scheme for the merging of the two properties.

His scheme involves an increase in the issue of New York Central and Hudson River railroad bonds to $250,000,000. These bonds are to bear interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum. With $100,000,000 of these new bonds the $50,000,000 of Lake Shore stock will be purchased and canceled. The $50,000,000 of Lake Shore bonds will remain as part of the $250 000,000, as also will the present $100,000,000 of New York Central bonds. The practical union of the two railroad lines would, it is explained, make a system even more compact than that of the Pennsylvania lines, and the saving in running expenses has been calculated as high as $2 000,000 annually. The two existing systems would become the New York Central and Lake Shore trunk line from New York to Chicago, under one management, and consequently with a single set of executive officers. It is possible that the Michigan Central will be included in this combination.

Some difficult obstacles, it is conceded, must be overcome before this combination can be legally effected. The laws of the different states through which the Lake Shore railroad runs will have a most important bearing on the manner of the proposed merger. It is a recognized fact, however, that, inasmuch as the Vanderbilts practically own all of the stock of the Lake Shore road, they are in a better position to successfully carry out this great scheme of consolidation than they would be if hampered by opposition from objecting stockholders. The financial arrangement as outlined, however, is so favorable to all of the security holders concerned that no individual opposition is expected from any source.

The Vanderbilt ownership of New York Central stock has for a number of years been considerably less than half. There is a very large foreign interest in the property, which is represented by Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, and it is believed that Mr. Morgan, who is now in London is in accord with W. K. Vanderbilt in this scheme of consolidation.

Schooner Thought to Be Lost.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 28.—It is feared that the schooner Grace L. Fears of this port, which left about eight weeks ago on a frozen herring voyage to Newfoundland, has been lost. She was on the grounds during the terrific gale which caused much damage to the fishing fleet about five weeks ago, and the Fears has not been reported since. Captain John Aiken, a well known master mariner of this port was in command of the schooner, and she had a crew of six men.

New York Medical Society.

ALBANY, Jan. 28.—The State Medical society has elected the following officers: President, Dr. John O. Roe of Rochester; vice president, Dr. E. F. Brush of Mount Vernon; secretary, Dr. F. C. Curtis of Albany; treasurer, Dr. Charles H. Porter of Albany. Frank Van Fleet of New York, Arthur G. Root of Albany and Ernest Wende of Buffalo were appointed a legislative committee.

Cement Factory Burned.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Jan. 28.—A can of kerosene oil exploded in the boiler house of the Binneville cement mill, at Rosendale, setting fire to the mill and storage house. Both were totally destroyed, together with 4,000 bags and 600 barrels of cement and 300 tons of coal. The loss is estimated at $100,000; fully insured.

Death of a Former Ensign.

TRENTON, Jan. 28.—William Cloke, Jr., son of State Riparian Commissioner Cloke, died here of paralysis, aged 32 years. Young Cloke was a graduate of Annapolis and was an ensign on the ill fated Trenton in the Samoan disaster. He subsequently resigned from the navy.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows: Pennsylvania—Mansdale, Edwin S. Delcite. New Jersey—Wildwood, Henry W. Marts. New York—Bergen, B. N. Walker. Connecticut—Mechanicsville, O. G. Chase.

Japanese Fleet Off Shan-Tung.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the Japanese fleet is cruising off the coast of Shan-Tung.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

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23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
216—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
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What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitts Little Early Risers the famous little pills. W. D. Olney.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitts Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. W. D. Olney.

A Giant Nerve Builder.

The Mystice Life Renewer is the most powerful nerve builder known. It absolutely cures all forms of nervous diseases and weakness no matter how aggravated or of how long duration, such as neuralgia, nervous prostration, nervous paroxysms, St. Vitus's dance, palpitation of the heart, physical and mental weakness, debility of old age etc. Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggists, Middletown.

A Sensible Man

Would use Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs. It is curing more cases of coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a sample bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

L. Wagner, wholesale druggist, Richmond, Va., says: "I had a fearful attack of sciatic rheumatism, was laid up almost two months; was fortunate enough to get Mystic Cure For Rheumatism. This cured me after doctors' prescriptions had failed to have any effect. I have also heard of fine results from others who have used it." J. E. Mills, Druggist, No. 2 Empire Block, North street, Middletown, N. Y.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about one-fourth as much. All grocers sell it. Fifteen and twenty-five cents.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. W. D. Olney.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

NEW YORK, ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Time Table in Effect Dec. 12th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 *	1 Ont'o Day Exp	27 Local	7 Sub-urban to Exp	5 * Chicago Limt
	Mile				
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M	.....	P M	P M
Franklin St	3 20	7 40	.....	3 00	5 45
W. 42d St.,	3 30	7 55	.....	3 15	6 15
Weehawken	4 00	8 10	.....	3 40	6 30
Cornwall	6 16	9 45	.....	5 00	7 50
Cliffe	7 22	9 53	.....	5 08	.....
Orr's Mills	25	55	.....	15 19	.....
Little Brit'n	30	10 5	.....	15 23	.....
Burnside	56	10 16	.....	15 41	.....
Campbell H	7 07	10 22	.....	5 40	8 19
Stony Ford	7 15	10 27	.....	15 41	.....
M'town Main St.	.....	.....	.....	5 58	.....
M'town ar	7 38	10 43	.....	6 00	8 35
M'town lv	7 40	10 45	.....	6 15	8 45
Winterton	8 45	11 05	.....	6 31	.....
Bloom'g'bgh	9 10	11 09	.....	6 31	.....
Wurtsboro	9 21	11 15	.....	6 31	.....
Summitville	9 26	11 19	.....	6 40	.....
Ellenv'le ar	9 38	11 30	.....	6 50	.....
	10 0	11 50	.....	7 10	.....
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05	.....	7 20	.....
Hurleyville	10 53	12 12	.....	7 28	.....
Ferndale	11 15	01 22	.....	7 38	.....
Liberty	11 30	12 29	.....	7 44	9 50
Parksville	11 45	12 40	.....	7 55	.....
L'v'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 53	.....	8 08	10 13
Rockland	12 15	1 05	.....	8 20	13
Cadosia	1 20	2 00	.....	A M	10 59
Walton	2 10	2 45	12 45	8 05	11 33
Maywood	.....	3 14	2 10	8 38	.....
Sidney	.....	3 40	2 40	9 02	12 15
Norwich ar	.....	4 30	5 30	9 50	2 58
Norwich lv	.....	A M 4 35	P M 7 30	9 54	1 03
Castle	.....	6 08	9 10	A M	12 12
Oneida ar	.....	6 10	9 15	.....	2 17
Oneida lv	.....	6 15	9 30	.....	n3 31
Fulton	.....	7 57	10 55	.....	3 50
Oswego ar	.....	8 20	11 20	.....	A M
		P M	M A	P M	

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New Y'rk Exp	12 *	50 Local	14 Del-hi Ex	42 N Y Day Exp	Nor-wich Exp
	A M	P M	M A	.....	A M	P M
Oswego lv	11 20	.....	7 15	.....	5 45	2 55
Oneida ar	.....	.....	12 22	.....	5 46	5 05
Oneida lv	12 56	.....	1 0	.....	5 56	5 20
Castle	.....	.....	1 15	P M	6 03	5 27
Norwich ar	2 09	.....	6 15	5 47	10 37	7 15
Norwich lv	2 14	.....	P M	6 52	10 42	P M
Sidney	3 05	.....	.....	7 30	11 40	.....
Maywood	.....	.....	.....	8 08	11 57	.....
Walton	3 50	12 15	A M	8 40	12 37	.....
Cadosia	4 21	1 20	S p	9 10	1 20	.....
Rockland	.....	2 38	6 00	.....	2 10	.....
L'v'gst'n M'r	5 07	3 00	6 14	.....	2 25	.....
Parksville	.....	3 16	6 25	.....	2 37	.....
Liberty	5 26	3 35	6 36	.....	2 51	.....
Ferndale	.....	3 41	6 41	.....	n2 56	.....
Hurleyville	.....	4 04	6 50	.....	3 08	.....
Fallsburgh	.....	4 19	6 57	.....	3 14	.....
Centreville	.....	4 40	7 04	.....	n3 20	.....
Mount'n D.	.....	4 50	7 10	.....	n3 25	.....
Summitville	.....	5 10	7 26	.....	3 45	.....
Wurtsboro	.....	5 20	7 33	.....	3 52	.....
Bloom'g'bgh	.....	5 28	7 38	.....	3 57	.....
Winterton	.....	5 34	7 43	.....	n4 02	.....
M'town ar	5 33	5 55	8 00	.....	4 20	.....
M'town lv	5 48	6 20	8 10	.....	4 30	.....
M'town Main St.	.....	6 22	8 2	.....	4 32	.....
Stony Ford	.....	6 59	8 25	.....	4 46	.....
Campb'll H.	.....	7 5	8 31	.....	4 52	.....
Burnside	.....	7 22	8 38	.....	4 57	.....
Little Brit'n	.....	7 33	8 46	.....	5 08	.....
Orr's Mills	.....	8 06	8 53	.....	5 19	.....
Firthcliffe	.....	8 10	8 57	.....	5 21	.....
Cornwall	7 23	8 40	9 02	.....	5 33	.....
Weehawken	8 45	10 50	10 30	.....	7 00	.....
W. 42d St., New York	9 00	11 00	10 40	.....	7 10	.....
Franklin St	9 15	11 30	10 55	.....	7 25	.....
	P M	p m	M A	M	P M	

* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

‡ Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

¶ Stop for meals.

Trains leave Cadosia 2 05 p m. for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 0 55 a. m. for Cadosia.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30, a m, 3 50 and 6 0 p m

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00 and 10 50 a. m, 3 10 and 5 50 p. m

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a m, and 5 0 p m. Sunday only 8 15 p m

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 8 10 a. m, 2 45 and 8 45 p m. Sunday only 9 15 a. m, and 2 15 p m.

Trains leave Sidney for New Berlin 10.00 a m, *3 45 and 7 5 p m Leave New Berlin for Sidney 7 40 and *10 02 a. m, and 2 0 p m

or further particulars see local card.

Lowest rates of fare to all points west One to three dollars less than other lines

Express Trains Nos 5 and 6 run solid between New York and Suspension Bridge. Reclining Chair Cars from New York to Chicago without change free to through passengers, and Pullman Sleeping Car with no change from New York to Suspension Bridge

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Secure rates via Ontario & Western before purchasing tickets and save money Day and Night Express to the West.

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N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov. 26th, '97.

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily p m
West 23d St	8 10	.....	3 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 07	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 46
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 10	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 30
Slate Hill	12 09	4 37	7 41
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	5 15
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 21
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 59	7 56	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 41
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	6 00
Franklin Junction	7 27	.....	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	9 03	.....	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 48
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 27
New York Ferries—			
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23	8 38
West 23d street	10 15	11 45	9 20

f—Stop on signal.

WE FOUR AND MANY MORE.

Good Bargains are Offered With Trading Stamps.

Fine Maple Sugar 12 cents per pound. Light and Dark Comb Honey 12 cents. Good Roll Butter 20c a pound by the roll. 25 pounds Buckwheat Flour 40 cents.

W. H. FOSTER,

30 East Main Street.

LE BRUN'S G & G CURE

FOR EITHER SEX. This remedy being injected directly to the seat of these diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs, requires no change of diet. Cure guaranteed in 1 to 5 days. Small plain package, by mail, $1.00. Sold only by

ERIE RAILROAD

Solid trains between New York and Chicago, via Chautauqua Lake or Niagara Falls. Pullman cars between New York and Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Chautauqua Lake, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Eastern Time.	17	21	1	9	38	11	27	15	25	29	7	14	22	2	30	6	26	38	28	16	28	5	15	27	29	7	3	8	12	10	26	16	28	38	6	30	2	22	8	14	22	18

DEFEATED THE Y. M. C. A.

Twenty-Fourth Team Won a Good Game by the Score of 10 to 0.

The basket ball game at the armory, Thursday night, between the 24th team and that of the Newburgh Y. M. C. A, was one of the best which has been witnessed at the armory here. The attendance was large and the players came in for a good share of applause.

The teams were made up as follows:

Y. M. C. A.		24TH.
Ziegler.	Right Forward	Lawrence
McConnell	Left Forward	Dickinson
Wood	Centre	Wengenroth
Grogan	Right Guard	Thompson
McBride	Left Guard	Gausman

The game was sharp and exciting for ten minutes, when Wengenroth threw a goal from the field. The audience broke out in loud cheering and the 24th team acknowledged it by "putting in great licks" during the remainder of the half, keeping the visitors from scoring. Capt. McBride, of the visitors, ran with the ball just before the call of time, and a foul was declared. Wengenroth hit the iron ring at the top of the basket and the chance to add a point to the score was past.

After a ten-minute rest the second half was commenced with vim. The Y. M. C. A. men were resolved to score and they chased and passed the ball at a furious pace, when suddenly out of a bunch of men the ball was snapped back to Lawrence and he landed it gracefully in the basket despite attempted interference.

This goal was secured after five minutes of play and two minutes later the same player netted two points more. Both goals were nicely thrown and Lawrence was loudly applauded.

Three minutes more of red hot play, and Thompson, who played a hard game, tossed the fourth goal. He came in for applause, as did Wengenroth four minutes later, when he made the fifth and last goal.

The 24th boys put up a grand game. Thompson, as usual, covered more ground than any other player. Lawrence and Wengenroth kept the ball moving much of the time, the latter's long runs with the bounding ball being especially neat.

Dickinson's work was above criticism and "Sam" Gausman showed the youngsters how easy it is to play the game right.

The visitors were a lively lot of players, Zeigler and McBride being especially hard men to beat. Grogan, who is a member of the 5th Separate Company's team, and popular with the boys here, could go through snags with the ease of a political eel carrier.

Referee Bannister and Umpire Peck acted with fairness and both sides were pleased.

After the game the visitors were entertained by the 24th team, and were then escorted to the Commercial Hotel.

MIDDLETOWN FIRE POLICE.

Result of the Annual Election Held Thursday Night.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Middletown Fire Police was held, last night, at the rooms of Phoenix Engine Company, resulting as follows:

Captain—A. E. McIntyre, of Monhagens.
Sergeant—Alexander Cointot, of Ontarios.
Roundsman—J. J. Wood, of Eagles.
Secretary and Treasurer—E. A. Lorentz, of Phoenix.

Miss Wood's Reading a Great Success.

The entertainment given in Nearing Hall, Thursday night, by Miss Helen Mabel Wood, under the auspices of the ladies of Grace Church, was a most delightful one. Miss Wood has unusual dramatic talent and her selections were all rendered with good taste, rare feeling and fine expression, and were heartily applauded by the large audience present.

A Very Peculiar Mishap.

Ebner Mills, a Deposit farmer, was on his way home, Tuesday, with a load of hay when the load was upset and a box of matches, which was among some purchases he had made, was ignited, setting fire to the hay, which, with the wagon, was quickly consumed. It was with difficulty that Mr. Mills released the team from the wagon.

Better Than Klondike Gold

is health and strength gained by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier. It fortifies the whole system and gives you such strength that nervous troubles cease, and work which seemed wearing and laborious, becomes easy and is cheerfully performed. It has done this for others, it will for you.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about one-fourth as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Fruit growers, this is the time to make arrangements for your spring planting of fruit trees, small fruits and other stock. Don't pay agents a double price when you can buy stock grown in the rich soil of Orange Co. Nurseries. You can learn what to plant for profit by sending for T. J. Dwyer & Son's 1898 catalogue, box 4 Cornwall N. Y.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

IDEAL GRANDMOTHERS.

Women Who Know the Laws of Nature and Obey Them May Live to Green Old Age.

Mrs. Pinkham Says When We Violate Nature's Laws Our Punishment Is Pain—If We Continue to Neglect the Warning We Die.

Providence has allotted us each at least seventy years in which to fulfill our mission in life, and it is generally our own fault if we die prematurely.

Nervous exhaustion invites disease. This statement is the positive truth.

When everything becomes a burden and you cannot walk a few blocks without excessive fatigue, and you break out into perspirations easily, and your face flushes, and you grow excited and shaky at the least provocation, and you cannot bear to be crossed in anything, you are in danger; your nerves have given out; you need building up at once! To build up woman's nervous system and restore woman's health, we know of no better or more inspiring medicine than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Your ailment taken in time can be thrown off, if neglected it will run on into great suffering and pain.

Here is an illustration. MRS. LUCY GOODWIN, Holly, W. Va., says:

"I suffered with nervous prostration, faintness, all-gone feeling and palpitation of the heart. I could not stand but a few moments at a time without having that terrible bearing-down sensation.

"When I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I only weighed 108 pounds, and could not sit up half a day; before, however, I had used a whole bottle, I was able to be about. I took in all about three bottles of the Compound, and am entirely cured; now I weigh 131 pounds and feel like a new woman, stronger and better than ever in my life."

So it transpires that because of the virtues of Mrs. Pinkham's wonderful Compound, even a very sick woman can be cured and live to a green old age.

Shocked by a Live Wire.

Patrick H. McKeon, of Port Jervis, while looking through the power house of the Port Jervis electric road, Wednesday afternoon, stepped on a live wire and received a shock which set him turning somersaults. He was not seriously injured, and was revived with copious draughts of snake bite antidote.

A Dwelling House Burned.

The dwelling house of William Hankins, in Montague, N. J., was destroyed by fire, with all its contents, about 4 o'clock, Monday morning. Mr. Hankins, the only occupant, awoke to find himself surrounded by flames and barely escaped with his life.

Ayer's Asthma Cure

better known as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, has made a record for its remarkable cures of asthma. Cases that have been considered beyond hope or help have been cured by this remedy. We give two examples of such cures out of the many on record:—

"My mother has been a great sufferer from asthma for the past ten years, and her recovery is almost without a parallel. On account of her advanced age—over seventy—we had but little hopes of ever seeing her well again; but we are sincerely grateful to inform you that she has been entirely cured by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."
INGLIS BANKS, Tar Brook, N. S.

"I was a sufferer for a long time from asthma, vainly endeavoring to procure relief in the use of ordinary remedies. At length I was induced to try a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. The first bottle afforded me so much benefit that I continued the use of the remedy until entirely cured."
JOSEPH KLONZ, Charlotte, N. C.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

put up in half-size bottles, 50 cents. Full-size bottle, $1.00.

AUCTION.

The undersigned will sell at public auction, in the village of Howells, on

Thursday, Feb 3, Commencing at 10 a. m.

and continuing all day and evening if necessary, to close out stock of general merchandise, consisting of groceries, boxes of soap, baking powders, teas canned goods, etc. Hardware, consisting of cutlery skates pat licks, nails, bolts, horse shoes, etc. Boots, shoes and rubbers for men, women, misses boys, youths and children. Underwear for men and women men's pants, sweaters and jackets, crockery and stoneware, whips and blankets 1 surrey, 2 sets light single harness, 55 Excelsior spring beds, the most complete and durable in use. Household furniture, consisting of 2 bedroom suits 1 bedstead, springs and mattresses 1 parlor suit, 1 marble top center table, 1 Air and parlor stove, 1 cylinder stove, 1 parlor oil stove chairs, extension table, carpets, etc The above will be sold without reserve

Terms On sums amounting to $5 or over, a credit of 30 days on note with approved security; under $5 cash will be required.

EMMET CRAWFORD, Mgr.
B. E. GODFREY, Auctioneer. 57d5t&wtw

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78dly Oc23,98

Has Leased a Matamoras Hotel.

James I. Van Sickle, the well known hotel keeper of Unionville, has tired of keeping a tavern in a no license town and has rented a hotel in Matamoras, Pa., and will take possession of it April 1st.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

LOST—Yesterday, black dog skin glove. Finder leave at 41 James street. 1t

FREEDOM Cooking Range, size 8. Dockash grate with copper tank; Onoko cooking range, size 7, both in first-class condition; oak extension table. 8 feet, all cheap at the EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

WANTED—MAN ON FARM, near city. Apply 7 o'clock to-night, 1td North Street Hotel.

FOR SALE—A Grocery Store. Good business. A good location for a man of small means. 57d3t Address B.E.L., ARGUS.

WE are still in the lead at DUGDALE'S Market, corner West Main and Union streets. Round steak 11c., shoulder 8c. plate 4c., fronts of lamb 6c., leg of lamb 12c., fresh hams 8c., pork chops 9c., 3 pounds fine sausage 25c., pot roasts 4 to 8 cents. 1td

TWO Thoroughly Experienced Butchers wanted at DUGDALE'S Market. No others need apply. 1t

ALL Members of Pocahontas are requested to be present at our next regular meeting. Business of importance. 56d2t By order of the Deputy.

MUSICAL Instruction on mandolin, piano violin, guitar, banjo, flute by VINCENT MAGGIO, 68 North street, second floor. d&w1

DR. T. C. ROYCE and DR. A. FREEMAN FOOTE, Dentists. Offices over National Express Co., Franklin Square, Middletown d&w

PROF. WM. H. SAGENDORF, Clairvoyant, will remain permanently located at WM. S. ROE'S, 37 James street, Middletown, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Building Lot, on Mills avenue, second lot north from Hoffman street, 51 feet front, 100 feet deep. Time given on half purchase money. Enquire 24 Banton avenue. 48dtf

EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, Rooms 8 and 9 Times Building, King street, near North, opposite office of Water Commissioners.

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. 11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

FOR RENT—House with nine rooms, newly papered and painted throughout Good barn. Within five minutes of Franklin Square. Lowest rent in the city 53d 6t THOMAS WATTS, 15 East Main St.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent. Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave and Fulton St. 78dtf

TEETH—A good set $6 and $8 the BEST $10. Warranted five years. Gas under, gas and either administered. DR. ROBINSON, Isaman Building, James street.

HELP WANTED.

GIRL Wanted to do general housework. 54d3t Apply at this office.

WANTED—Upright and faithful gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in New York Monthly $6 and expenses Position steady. Reference. Enclose self addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. F, Chicago. 43d30.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments

WEEK OF JAN. 24.

Bessie Grayson, serio-comic singer; Laura Simpson song and dance artist, Charles McShane, Irish comedian and dialect songs, Minnie Prouce, soubrett.

P. S. Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12.20.

GET YOUR KINDLING WOOD
AT
The Steam Carpet Cleaning and Feather Renovating Works,
CORNER FULTON ST. AND SPRAGUE AVE
E. H. GREGORY.
Telephone Call No. 129.

THE "THREE A.'S" BALL.

Large Crowd at the Assembly Rooms, Thursday Night.

The ball which "The Three A.'s," or Amateur Athletic Association, gave at the Assembly Rooms, Thursday night, will certainly go down to history as a "warm number." The floor was crowded, and the costumes of the masqueraders were as grotesque and striking as usual. But it was after midnight, when the early birds had gone home, and the masks, were gone that the fun began to let loose. The floor was thronged by spectators, and dancers found but scant room to display their graces. The square dances were by long odds the most popular and some very new ways of "holding" hands were noticed. The dancers did not go home until 4 o'clock.

A Week of Enjoyment.

Theatre goers are promised a genuine week of enjoyment at the Casino, next week, commencing with Monday night. The company is the justly celebrated Minnie Seward Company. The opening piece will be "Asleep at the Switch," a very sensational production, containing strong situations. The company plays to cheap prices, and that it is first-class can be known by the many seasons they have played in Middletown.

Can't be perfect health without pure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood. Tones and invigorates the whole system.

FOR SATURDAY.

Fresh Spinach, Radishes, Oyster Plant, Water Cress, Green Onions, Bermuda Onions, Fancy Sweet Potatoes, Boston Head Lettuce, Malaga Grapes, Stuffed Olives, Catawba Grapes in five pound baskets, Imported Odart Pickles, Baldwin, Greening and Newton Pippin Apples, Seedless Oranges, etc.

CITY GROCERS.

Bull & Youngblood,
56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.
TELEPHONE CALL 55.

WANTED By Old Established House—High Grade Man or Woman, good church standing, willing to learn our business, then to act as Manager and State Correspondent here. Salary $900. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope to A. T. ELDER General Manager, care DAILY ARGUS. dtoFeb21

TINWARE TUMBLE!

Without precedence. Any one of these articles at the price named or the lot for 99 cents.

Muffin Rings	02
Paper Carpet Tacks	01
Children's Tin Plate	02
Nutmeg Grater	01
Tea Strainer	05
Can Opener	02
3 Tea Spoons for	05
2 Table Spoons for	05
2 Coat Hooks	01
Asbestos Stove Mat	03
Wooden Spoons	05
Potato Masher	05
Soap Saver	04
Kettle Cover	02
Match Safe	04
Dust Pan	05
Mouse Trap	05
Paring Knife	05
Pancake Turner	04
Tin Dipper	04
2-quart Pail	07
Tin Cup	03
1-quart Graduated Measure	05
Muffin Tin	05
Stew Kettle	10
10-quart Pail	10
Total	$1 09

99c buys the lot delivered within the city limits.

Economy Store, 118 North St

For Sale!

FARM, 140 ACRES, $2,800

Great bargain to quick buyer. 2½ miles from Otisville and 6 miles from Middletown. Good house, excellent barn, ice house, etc. Running water to barn. $1,100 may remain.

A. V. BOAK,
Real Estate Broker, 35 North St.

BARGAINS IN RIBBONS—We do not wish to measure so many ribbons when we inventory, so put the ribbons on sale at a price never before equalled. Over 1,200 yards and 165 patterns in plaids, stripes, plain, fancy and black Width 3 to 5 inches. Were 30 to 60c a yard. Your choice now at 19c a yard. Other ribbons from 1c do 15c a yard. 50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

FIVE YARDS MUSLIN FOR ONE CENT.

An exceptional offer for balance of this week only. We will sell these goods, in the following combinations. No single item will be sold at these prices, but entire lot can be had for 99 cts.

5 yds 36 in Bleached Muslin	01
144 Agate Buttons	05
200 yds Cotton Thread	02
280 Common Pins	01
1 Tin Cake Cutter	01
12 Safety Pins	02
1 pair Ladies' Seamless Hose	10
1 pair Heavy Socks	08
120 Sheets Note Paper	10
100 Heavy Envelopes	12
40 Hair Pins	05
5 yds Twilled Toweling	25
3 cakes Toilet Soap, perfumed	05
5 yds Embroidery	15
Total	$1.12

Entire lot 99c. These are good goods and no trash, as prices might lead you to believe. We will deliver them within city limits.

ECONOMY STORE,
118 NORTH STREET.

21
Cts. a Pound
FOR
Elgin Creamery Butter
Till Jan. 29th.
J. W. SLOAT,
15-17 East Main St.

WANTED—Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

TO CLOSE OUT AT ONCE. WE OFFER UNTIL SOLD.

Eleven Pieces of 50c Novelty Wool Dess Goods

To close out quick. We have made the price 39c.

58 Ladies' Cotton Eider Down Wrappers.

Extra well made, trimmed with braid or velvet, all cut extra wide, sold from $1.98 to $2.48. To close them out we have marked them $1.50—none exchanged.

17 Pair Shaker Flannel Blankets.

All 10-4. Some slightly soiled. They sold at 75, 93c and $1.19. To close them out we have marked them 55, 75 and 95c a pair.

14 Pair White Wool Blankets.

They are 60 per cent. wool, are 10 4 and 11 4, are worth $2.75 and $3 per pair. To close them out have marked them $1.98 and $2.25.

38 Child's Outing Flannel Skirts.

Age from 4 to 10 years. Will pay to buy them for next year. As long as they last 15c each.

180 Flannelette Wrappers.

Made with box pleated back, tight fitting, all cut extra wide, come either in navy blue, stripe or black and white polka dot. To close out quick we have made the price 79c.

THE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE IS DRAWING CROWDS! WHY?

The women who are acquainted with the quality of the muslin wear sold here are many. They know that these annual trade events bring them worthy garments at prices unknown at other times. We do not say that all are sold at a loss to us. We make a profit, but that profit comes to us from selling ten garments when otherwise only one would go. The advantage is yours and ours. You buy cheaply, we sell much.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers.

Well made, trimmed with either fine tucks or lace, 15c a pair.

Ladies' Drawers.

Made from either fine muslin or cambric 25, 29, 39, 48c. Many wonder how we can even buy the material for what we sell the whole garment for.

Ladies' Night Gowns.

39, 49, 59, 69, 79, 99, 98c. You pay for the material only, we throw in the work.

Corset Covers.

15, 19, 25c. Perfect fitting. Couldn't be better made, and less than the cloth and trimming would cost you.

Umbrella Skirts.

All made with an extra wide ruffle. No need of wasting your time when you can buy at the prices we sell them at 49, 75, 89, 98c, $1.39, $1.48.

HART DAVIS, 45 North Street, Middletown.

21c. A POUND
FOR ELGIN CREAMERY BUTTER
FOR SATURDAY'S TRADE.

5 Gallons Standard Oil 35c.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON.